



Veterans visit the
“Moving Wall,”
See Page 3



Vol. 46, NO. 16 Published in the interest of Fort Huachuca personnel and their families April 20, 2000

Scout reports

e-mail:
thescout@huachuca-emh1.army.mil
website:
huachuca-www.army.mil/PAO/index.htm

Post Tax Center closed

The Post Tax Center is now closed. The staff of the center wishes to thank the entire Fort Huachuca Community for the pleasure of having helped over 3,100 of you get your income taxes done. We have enjoyed serving you and providing you this valuable benefit of your service to our nation.

If you were unable to get your taxes done, you can still get help at the Staff Judge Advocate's Legal Assistance office. You will need to call 533-2009 to schedule an appointment.

Marathon needs volunteers

The Thunder Mountain Marathon scheduled for May 6 needs volunteers to manage water and fruit points and traffic control points. Volunteers may select to attend training May 3 or 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Chaffee Parade Field. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt and a certificate of appreciation. Also, for active duty soldiers, the hours donated to this event can count towards their tally for the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

To volunteer, stop by the Army Community Service building in the traffic circle, or call the volunteer coordinator at 533-3686/2330.

Saturday testing reassessed

On April 15, the Army Education Center conducted its first Saturday testing, based on repeated requests from customers. Of the nine people scheduled to test, four showed up. The next test dates are May 20 and June 17. After that, we will assess the effectiveness of Saturday testing, based on costs and participation. We strongly encourage everyone interested to support it on one of the next testing dates. For information, call Sharon Townsend at 533-1701.

Renegotiated contract signed

By Angela Moncur
Scout Staff

In a formal signing Friday, Fort Huachuca's management and employee workforce accepted a renegotiated contract good for the next three years.

Al Buhl, director of Fort Huachuca's Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, and Josie Suarez, local American Federal Government Employees union president, were the key players in the contract signing.

Buhl represented management in the interest-based bargaining, while Suarez fought for the rights of federal employees on post.

Interest-based bargaining is a negotiating system where the players agree, prior to negotiations, to let one person talk at a time and petition to be recognized before speaking. Each party would identify a need or interest in making a change or amendment to the agreement which had to be justified or explained. Contract negotiators participated in a training session by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service prior to the actual negotion.

According to Buhl the contract covers all employees in the "bargaining unit" - a group of employees with a community of interest personnel policies and working



Photo by Angela Moncur

Al Buhl and Josie Suarez review the recently signed contract.

conditions, including all non-supervisory and non-managerial garrison and tenant employees, including Army Signal Command, Information Systems Engineering Command, Medical Activity Command and Joint Interoperability Test Command. The contract does not cover Non-appropriated Funds employees, Defense Commissary Agency or Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

"This contract gives [workforce] input into procedures and regulations," Buhl said. "And supercedes any local regulation. The contract is controlling."

The best outcome of the contract negotiation, according to Buhl, was the rec-

ognition of employee representatives having an influence in the procedures and work conditions.

"Employees feel a little bit of ownership when they have a say," he said. "This contract is in keeping with Col. [Michael W.] Boardman's mission to make Fort Huachuca the employer of choice."

Suarez hopes this contract will establish a good working relationship with all levels of management on the fort so difficulties can be handled with a phone call instead of resorting to filing grievances and arbitration.

"The contract provides a framework of rules that you don't have to be an attorney to understand," said Debbie McWhorter, union secretary. "It gives employees and managers options to minimize misunderstandings."

McWhorter added that under the leadership of Suarez, the local AFGE union would like to increase awareness about the union and become more involved in community activities, especially with veterans' and children's organizations.

Buhl said the contract will be available to the workforce in about a month. For information on joining the union, call 533-2879.

GSA fleet service rep defines official use

By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff

It's lunchtime, it's hot and it's a 20-minute walk to a chow hall or fast food restaurant. Do you, A.) Jump in your Government Services Administration vehicle and ride in air-conditioned comfort? Or, do you B.) Walk?

If you answered A, you could be in for some trouble, according to Ed Weed, Fort Huachuca GSA fleet service representative. "I've seen a lot of people move household goods in military vehicles, go to lunch, shop, pick up their kids from school ... it's just not right," he said.

"Most of the abuse [of the GSA vehicles] is seen right in the local area," Weed said.

"I do drivers awareness classes and what I tell most of the soldiers is that if you have to ask yourself if what you're

doing is official business, nine out of 10 times it's not," he added.

To take a military vehicle to lunch, shopping or even a movie, military members must be on official travel orders with use of a military vehicle authorized, Weed said. "Commanders can authorize use of military vehicles for morale purposes, but I should have a memorandum on file stating the intent. So, if a question does arise, I have the letter on file. Any kind of questionable use should be sent to me in writing."

Weed also explained that long-distance traveling in the accomplishment of official business - to Tucson, Douglas, etc. - can be reason to stop for lunch or dinner. "As long as the commander is aware of the use and it's official business," he said.

Misuse of the vehicles can have varying circumstances, but Weed asks fort per-

sonnel to inform him if they see the misuse happening. "If I see [someone misusing GSA vehicles] I will personally address them. I have followed soldiers off-post and once even followed a soldier home," Weed said.

"Every GSA vehicle has a packet of information that should be kept in the glove compartment. The information there will answer any questions about official use," Weed explained.

If you witness any misuse of GSA vehicles, you can contact Weed at 538-0779 or you can e-mail him at edwin.weed@gsa.gov.

"If you see something, contact us. We can make some phone calls, if we're told about something, but formal complaints have to be in writing," Weed said. "But in the last 12 years, I've maybe only received four complaints in writing."

The Scout's Chaplain

Earth day successes, then some

*By Chap. (Col.) Thomas R. Decker
Installation Staff Chaplain*

Okay, Scout, you may not have noticed, but the chapel courtyard looks a whole lot better since Earth Day. Just in time for Easter and the Passover.

The courtyard's foliage and beds have been raked, cleaned and fertilized. Worn out bedding has been replaced with new bark. Rose bushes have been trimmed. The benches have been disassembled, sanded, varnished and reassembled again. The fountain has been cleaned of stones and other debris that, for no apparent reason, just "falls from the sky." The place looks a lot better.

Don't look too closely, but the flowers will bloom eternally because they're a no wilt, no water variety — plastic! We're water wise.

Big thanks are due to soldiers from the 305th and the 309th MI Battalions, a bunch of kids from the chapel youth group, and some chapel adult volunteers. Earth Day was the brainchild of chaplain assistants and the youth leaders, and if a better-looking courtyard is a measure of success, it was a great success.

The soldiers had lots of stories for how they came to join the chapel Earth Day.

Some said they had little choice in the matter. Others just wanted something to do. Some came because of a friend. Some wanted to be a part of something special. Some were there with problems left over from home.

At least one soldier said that he did it because he was back with the Lord again after being gone for a while.

The same stories thread through the ancient celebrations of Passover and Easter. Some are there with no choice in the matter, on a mandatory exodus; others come because, well, it's there to do; some come because of no more commitment than to be with friends; some come for the celebration; others, because there are painful problems that need the promise of new life. And some because the Lord is their life.

Army chapels are unique fixtures on Army posts. The chapels nurture the small stories of what is unbearable, even outlandish, into what is adequate, accepted and offers reconciliation to others. The community of faith celebrates, remembers, re-lives and reconnects with its roots, its heritage, and is transformed in the process.

God is present, and we wonder why we so often have missed him.

We've got your number

*By Natalie Danforth
Reference Librarian*

Recently your Fort Huachuca Library issued card number 63,000. So? Can you play the lottery with it? Think again. Every card issued from your consolidated Main/Children's/Intelligence Library is a winner.

Sixty-three thousand library users can't be wrong. That's the number of single soldiers, active duty and retired military sponsors with family members and DA Civilians who have registered to read, view, research and otherwise put to good use over \$1 million worth

of materials, including specialized information databases, and half a million dollars worth of equipment, much of it automated. It's all waiting for you at the corner of Smith Avenue and Arizona Street next to the Main Chapel, down the street from the Burger King.

The staff issues over 300 new user cards a month. Due to Fort Huachuca's training missions, high turnover of personnel means high turnover of barcoded library cards. Library staff must meet the needs of those users quickly while maintaining service for permanent party person-

nel and family members. Usually only one card is issued per sponsor, so one card can easily represent a family of two or more using the library. (Let's see...63,000 multiplied by two is over 120,000 authorized Fort Huachuca Library users since about 1987 when the Main Library was fully automated.) About 80 percent of registered users are active duty military personnel and their family members.

You can request additional cards in order to enable family members to use the Self-Checkout system. That system is parallel to an ATM.

Those not carrying the family barcode simply present their ID cards for checkout. In keeping with quick-response customer service, it takes less than five minutes to issue a card to you. It actually takes less than two minutes to get you into the system and ready to check out materials.

Call 533-2666 for a recorded message of operating hours Monday through Saturday. Or call 533-3041 to talk with a staff member.

Your Fort Huachuca Library is open Monday and Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Wednesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Commentary

Easter: just another excuse to get candy?

*By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff*

Why is it that every holiday centers around eating? Thanksgiving has turkey, Christmas is famous for its hams, Halloween equals candy, and Easter — more candy. In fact, almost every holiday has some candy involved, be it chocolate, confections or the "candying" of something that was perfectly fine prior to gobs of sugar being thrown upon it.

Why do we do it to ourselves? Our waistlines would be much happier without the extra calories, and we have enough holidays to really make a sweet-tooth impact. What does candy have to do with the resurrection of Jesus anyway. And for that matter, why does a rabbit give us eggs?

Nope, too many loose ends to make this holiday make

sense. But, if you remember when you were a kid, nothing had to make sense — as long as there was candy or toys involved. Easter morning church was just barely bearable as you waited to run out into the church lawn to find those Easter Eggs. What was better than the regular ones were the plastic ones filled with, more candy.

Neighborhood kids would measure their earthly importance based on the size of their chocolate Easter bunnies. Some kids would try and pass it off as unimportant, but parents would quickly find that the bigger the bunny, the happier the child. Other kids would try and say their hollow bunnies the largest ones, but only the true, solid milk-chocolate hares won true awe. However pouring milk into the hollow ones was pretty fun.

What was really annoying though, were the stains your hands acquired from hours of Easter Egg coloring. You

could always tell the kids who were good at their craft. They had the best looking eggs and the most psychedelic colored hands. Gloves never seemed important as a kid. Mostly though, parents would put hours of time and effort into these kaleidoscopic hard-boiled trials, and kids didn't really care — they're not candy.

Yet while we send our kids into a week's worth of sugar-laden overbearance, we shouldn't lose sight of the true reason for this celebration. Regardless of your personal beliefs, you can't discount the impact of a man who preached that we should all be nice and forgiving to one another — and was killed for it.

I'm not a chaplain, nor am I a very religious or spiritual person, but I do think we should all reflect on some of the teachings of a very great man. What possible harm could being nice and forgiving people do?

It's something to think about, whether Catholic, Baptist, Muslim, agnostic or atheist.

The Fort Huachuca Scout®

This newspaper is an authorized publication for members of the U.S. Army. Contents of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by the U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army or the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

It is published weekly, except Christmas and New Years, using desktop publishing by the Public Affairs Office, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-6000. Printed circulation: 8,200.

All editorial content of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* is prepared, edited, provided and approved by the PAO.

The Fort Huachuca Scout is printed by Five Star Publishing, Ltd., 1835 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, AZ, 85635, a private firm in no way connected with DA, under exclusive written contract with the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca. The civilian printer is responsible for all advertising.

Editorial material for publication should be submitted to Commander, USAIC&FH, ATTN: ATZS-PA (*The Fort Huachuca Scout*), Fort Huachuca, AZ, 85613-6000. The PAO reserves the right to edit all material submitted for publication.

Everything advertised in this publication shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or pa-

tron. If a violation or rejection of this equal opportunity policy by an advertiser is confirmed, the printer shall refuse to print advertising from that source until the violation is corrected.

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of the Army or Five Star Publishing, Ltd., of the products or services advertised.

Copies of *The Fort Huachuca Scout* are available to members of the commander's internal audience for a \$2.50 per month postage and handling fee upon approval of the PAO. Periodical postage paid at Sierra Vista, Ariz., and additional mailing offices. USPS 684-730. **POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to Five Star Publishing, P.O. Box 1119, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636.

To submit stories or inquiries, call (520) 533-1987,

DSN 821-1987 or fax (520) 533-1280. For advertising, call (520) 458-3340 or fax (520) 458-9338.

Command Staff
Publisher/Commanding General.....MG John D. Thomas, Jr.
Garrison Commander.....COL Michael Boardman
Public Affairs Officer.....MAJ Daniel T. Williams
Command Information ChiefStan Williamson
NCOIC.....SFC LaToya E. Sizer
Editorial Staff
Managing EditorAngela Moncur
News EditorSGT Cullen James
Printer's Staff
Co-owners.....Rebecca Ramsey & Mark L. Evans

Memorial replica draws hundreds to Tombstone



Photo by Larry Braden, former commander, American Legion Post #24

B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Ceremonial) first sergeant, Ron Boyd, kneels at the moving wall after recognizing some of the names there. B Troop members were on site providing ceremonial support.

**By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff**

Hundreds of people from Southeastern Arizona gathered in Tombstone Sunday for the opening ceremonies of the “Moving Wall.”

“We gather here today to honor the 2.7 million men and women who served in the United States armed forces in Vietnam, those who made the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives, the two-thousand and twenty-nine [Prisoners of War] and [soldiers Missing In Action] that never returned or are still unaccounted for, and those families who have lost a loved one,” said Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

The “Moving Wall” is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. “It was fantastic to see it,” said Ron Boyd, first sergeant, B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Ceremonial), and retired Vietnam veteran. “It a way people get to see [the wall] who normally wouldn’t have the chance.”

Like the placement of the wall in Washington, the “Moving Wall” is set up in Tombstone where you can’t really see it until you’re standing in front of it. “In 1982, when we first saw the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C., many of us found the artist’s interpretation of the memorial to those who served in Vietnam offensive ... It disturbed us because it was just a wall buried in the ground,” Thomas said.

“However, as we looked longer and harder at the memorial, and came to understand what it represented, we realize that Maya Ying Lin’s design was ever so eloquent in simplicity of design and phenomenal in its impact.

“If you stand on the grass covering on top of the wall in Washington D.C., you can’t see the wall ... However, when you walk down and around to the other side of the Wall and view the etched names of those who made the supreme sacrifice you realize the visual and emotional impact of its design.

“You hear the resounding eloquence of each individual named on the Wall crying out to be heard - to be remembered. The names of Americans who did what was asked of them,” said Thomas.

The ceremony kicked off at 10 a.m. and featured comments from Thomas, Arizona State Senator Gus Arzburger and others. The event was also comprised of the posting of the colors by the Fort Huachuca Honor Guard, and recognition of Gold Star Mothers - those mothers who lost a son or daughter to the Vietnam War. But perhaps the most inspiring moments were the veterans and family member’s solemn stance in front of the wall as they recognized names.

“It was very emotional ... very hard,” said Boyd. “I didn’t have any close friends on the wall, but I did have a cousin.”

“There are seven people from Bisbee on the wall,” said Henry Ruiz, a Vietnam veteran from Bisbee.

“I have a nephew on the wall, and a son and son-in-law who served in Vietnam,” said Arzburger. “For the men who gave the supreme sacrifice we’re here to honor today. I want to thank all the people here for showing this support.”

“By bringing the ‘Moving Wall’ to this corner of the United States, the American Legion Post #24 makes possible the healing of the minds and hearts of those who suffer the painful memories and emptiness due to permanent loss,” Thomas said.

“This extraordinary effort by the American Legion to bring ‘The Wall’ here reflects the deep concern and respect that the people of southern Arizona have for those who have served and sacrificed in Vietnam,” Thomas explained. “The ‘Moving Wall’ brings healing for the soldiers [who] served, the families who lost a loved one, and our nation as a whole.”

The moving wall will be in Tombstone through Sunday.

HousingFAQs

Housing release

Q: The watering policy you gave us when we moved in doesn’t say anything about soaker hoses, are they authorized?

A: Soaker hoses are considered sprinkler irrigation and as such are only authorized during the months of May and June, twice a week.

Q: My neighbor is watering her lawn every day. Isn’t there a limit?

A: If your neighbor is watering by a hand held hose, anytime of day, throughout the year is OK; however, as a good environmental steward, everyday watering is probably excessive. There are no trees, shrubs or grasses on post which require water everyday.

Q: We keep hearing that all E5s and E6s who live in the barracks are going to have to move downtown. Can someone tell us why and when?

A: That is positively only a rumor. Single E1s through E5s must reside on post as long as there are rooms available anywhere on post. No permanent party barracks are filled to capacity and the new barracks are almost complete which will provide even more space. E6s have a choice of on or off post depending on whether or not the available room meets the minimum space and bathroom requirement in AR 210-50, Housing Management.

(Editor’s note: This series of questions and answers is sponsored by the Fort Huachuca Housing Office regarding issues of mutual concern to all residents of the post. The Housing Office encourages your involvement. E-mail your questions or comments to whiteg@huachuca-emh1.army.mil.)

Champions’ awards given at LakeSide

**By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff**

Sixteen people were the first to receive the Fort Huachuca’s Child’s Champions Award, Wednesday, at the LakeSide Activity Centre. Presenting the award was Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, Jr., commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

“This is a local award given by the Child and Youth Service in honor of the Month of the Military Child,” said Syretha O. Storey, Fort Huachuca’s Family Child Care Training & Curriculum specialist. “However, it is based on the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s premise of recognizing ... individuals who seek to make a difference for children.”

The recipients of the award were nominated by community ballot earlier this year. The ballots were distributed over post by the Boy and Girl Scouts, and from the CYS and ACS offices.

This is the first time the award has been given on Fort Huachuca, and according to Storey, it will become an annual event during the Month of the Military Child.

This year’s recipients are:

Jackie Branning, the coach and PE teacher at Smith Middle School. Branning’s nomination stated he gives freely of his own time to all Smith Middle School Students. His constant encouragement, devotion and motivation are vital to our school. The coach is known for shaving his head with each victorious championship won by his students. In addition to his generosity with his time, he is given to students in need. He often uses his own money to provide track uniforms for students. “Mr. Branning is well respected by both the parents and the school faculty,” his nomination stated.

Trish Lopez, School Age Services. Lopez has worked for school age services for 15 years, and has seen many changes in the program. Her citation says she was a critical player in the School Age Service’s program becoming the first military after school program to become accredited by the National School Age Care Alliance. “Her care and love for children has kept a unity and

See Champions, Page 14

Army Signal Command

ASC holds first NCO Induction ceremony

By Sgt. 1st Class Anthony L. Reed
ASC Public Affairs NCOIC

“Lead, follow, or get out of the way!!!”

The U.S. Army Signal Command here recently held its first Noncommissioned Officer Induction ceremony at Murr Recreation Center here for four of its soldiers who recently earned the enlisted stripes of leadership — promotion to sergeant.

“The NCO Induction ceremony is a celebration of the newly promoted joining the ranks of a professional noncommissioned officer corps,” said ASC’s top enlisted soldier, Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Paylor.

Sergeants Patrick Anderson, Leonard S. Dupray, Darrius A. Edwards and Charlotte L. Reed, all of ASC, were formally inducted into the “Be, Know, Do” known as the NCO corps.

“In an effort to continue another fine tradition, it was decided to put together this event,” said 1st Sgt. Marvin E. Brown, Headquarters ASC first sergeant. “My intent also was to teach the NCOs who had never seen anything like this how to conduct such a ceremony, and how special it can be for everyone, not only the inductees.”

Anderson, a systems administrator, has been in the Army five years. He was promoted to sergeant Feb. 4. “Being an NCO places me in a role to train soldiers and share my experiences in the Army and help them avoid mistakes I have made early in my career,” he said. “It also allows me to take on more responsibilities that will help me grow to become a better person and give me the tools to handle any situation.”

The transition from enlisted soldier to NCO was no easy task for Anderson. “I didn’t think the transition would be as dramatic as it has,” he said, “but I’m getting used to the expectations people have of me now that I am an NCO. I realize I can only improve my skills as a leader with time and experience.”

The NCO Induction ceremony was new to Anderson. “I had never heard of this before,” Anderson said. “I always thought people simply got promoted. This ceremony was very nice and professionally done. It was truly an honor to experience one of the Army’s lesser-known traditions.”

Dupray is a network security analyst. He was promoted to sergeant July 1. His wife, Sarah, 8-year-old daughter, Kaylyn and 8-month-old son Nathaniel have supported the five-year veteran throughout his career.

“Some jobs don’t give you the opportunity to lead,” Dupray said. “To me, being an NCO means leadership and more responsibility.”

As for the ceremony, Dupray said, “The layout and concept was good. Wetting down the stripes was new to me.”



Courtesy photo

ASC’s top enlisted soldier, Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Paylor (left) and Noncommissioned Officer Inductee, Sgt. Leonard S. Dupray sign copies of the NCO Creed during ASC’s first NCO Induction ceremony.

Wetting of the stripes is when an NCO literally wets the stripes of the new NCO.

“The wetting of the stripes was a significant point and an old Army tradition which symbolizes a total separation from the former position of a ‘regular’ soldier,” said Paylor. “It represents an absolute submersion into the family of those who have been chosen from among their peers to lead rather than follow.”

While appropriate that all NCOs were present, Dupray said he was surprised his civilian co-workers attended the ceremony.

Edwards, a supply specialist, has been in the Army four years. He was promoted to sergeant Feb. 7.

“For me,” Edwards began, “being an NCO means I want to take what I have learned so far and apply it to better take care of soldiers. I want to make sure they are treated fairly. Now I am in a position [as an NCO] to have greater influence on my soldiers. I want to instill in them that NCOs are the backbone of the Army.”

Edwards said he was impressed by the professionalism

and traditions involved in the ceremony. “I had never experienced this type of event, but to be a part of it made it that much more special.”

Paylor said, “Normally these ceremonies are done only for NCOs. However, it is not every day an enlisted soldier below the rank of corporal, or officers and civilians get a chance to view such an event.”

Reed, ASC’s visual audio support NCOIC, has been in the military eight years. She was promoted to sergeant Jan. 1.

“I look forward to the new responsibilities and looking out for my soldiers even more,” Reed said of being an NCO.

As for the ceremony, Reed said, “I was nervous, but proud — especially of the senior leadership support.”

Paylor termed the ceremony “...mesmerizing and invigorating.” He added, “The pride, attention-to-detail, the clear mood and morale in the room drove shivers through my spine — especially when the young soldiers stood guard and looked those newly promoted NCOs in the eye and made their soldiers’ request.”

“Lead, follow, or get out of the way!!!”



Courtesy photo

Sgt. Maj. Scarlett Williams, ASC G-1 sergeant major performs the traditional “wetting of the stripes” on new NCO Inductees.

A Soldier’s Request

*Treat me with respect, Sergeant.
For no heart in all the world is more loyal
than the heart of an American Soldier.
Do not break my spirit with your words, Sergeant.
For the praise and counseling you give
is expected.
I am an American Soldier, expecting to be trained.
Discipline must be a part of my life.
Train me for the elements, Sergeant.
For I must learn to fight and win in
the heat, the cold, the wet and the desert.
Those who would be our enemies
will use these elements.
I must be prepared.
I ask no greater glory, Sergeant.
Than to defend our country and our
way of life, against all enemies, both
foreign and domestic.
Allow me that privilege, Sergeant. . .
train me.*



*Provide me the necessities of food and drink,
Sergeant.
Train me to be self-sufficient;
that I may lead the way, and if necessary,
should your life be in danger.
Train me, Sergeant.
That one day I, too, can be called Sergeant,
the trainer of soldiers, the backbone of the Army.
Train me to accept those responsibilities that are
yours. Train me to train my soldiers
to be the greatest defenders of freedom
in the world.
Sergeant, train me to be a Sergeant.
I shall leave this Army knowing,
with my last step and my last breath,
that my fate was always safest
in your hands.
Sergeant, train me.
That I, too, can earn the title
“Sergeant.”*

11th Signal Brigade

Rapid Thunder 2000: Thunderbirds begin training the distance

By 1st Lt. Michael Peters
11th Signal Bde. PAO

The 11th Signal Brigade recently conducted its first field training exercise of the new millennium. Exercise Rapid Thunder '00 took place April 4-12.

The Thunderbird brigade deployed over 850 soldiers and 160 vehicles to 11 different sites in places like Davis Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Black Mountain in New Mexico, Site Boston on Fort Huachuca, Picacho Peak and Douglas. That represents an area over 9,500 square miles.

"It [deploying off post] really forces you to plan what and how you pack better because you can't just go back to the motor-pool to get something you forgot," said Sgt. Jacob D. Charlton, tactical satellite team chief, Company A, 86th Signal Battalion.

"After we packed our equipment and we double checked it, our team chief checked and double checked it, then our section sergeant checked and double checked it just to make sure we would have everything we'd need," said Spc. Dana M. Dickenson, radio transmission operator, Company D, 86th Signal Bn.

The units installed and maintained a communications network with services to include: digital voice telephone, NIPR and SIPR (the Army's version of non-secure and secure Internet), and video teleconferencing. Exercise Rapid Thunder was designed to mimic the type of network the brigade would install if deployed to southwest Asia.

The brigade faced many challenges preparing for and executing the objectives of this exercise. One of these challenges was getting the personnel and equipment to all of the different sites during the exercise. The

Thunderbirds who deployed to the remote sites in Florence, Ariz. and Deming, N.M. had to drive their vehicles in convoys for over eight hours to reach their destinations.

"It [the convoy] was a long time to ride in a humvee, that's for sure!" said Staff Sgt. Robert J. Shuttlesworth, tactical satellite team chief, 269th Signal Co., 86th Signal Bn.

There was a significant improvement from past exercises since the brigade's Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles went through a retrofit that allowed them to travel at 50 mph instead of being restricted to 35 mph. "[The retrofit] cut our convoy time almost in half. Instead of a four-hour convoy to Douglas it took us two hours and 15 minutes this time," said Sgt. Michael J. Hickey, tropospheric scatter radio team chief, Company A, 40th Sig. Bn.

Another challenge was feeding the over 600 soldiers who deployed for this exercise. For the most part the brigade's units deployed with their Mobile Kitchen Trailers and cooks. The Thunderbird cooks are among the best in the army as they showed in the recent Army Culinary Arts Competition and they have transferred that excellence right into their performance on this exercise. "I am not supposed to eat this good while I'm in the field," said Sgt. Edward T. Schmidt III, radio transmission team chief, Company D, 40th Signal Bn.

Even though the Thunderbird Brigade was supposed to be "roughing it" in the field they did bring along a couple comforts from home. Most mess tents doubled as MWR tents equipped with a television hooked up to a satellite dish and receiver. One site had a volleyball court set up under their camouflage netting and another had set up a horseshoe pit beside their antenna.



Photos courtesy of 11th Sig. Bde.

Company C, 86th Signal Tactical Satellite terminal with Picacho Peak in the background.

Company C, 40th Sig. takes MKT title

By Sgt. Kenneth E. Lowery II
11th Signal Bde. PAO NCOIC

Company C, 40th Signal Battalion, 11th Signal Brigade captured the Mobile Kitchen Trailer title during Exercise Rapid Thunder held at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base April 4-12.

According to Chief Warrant Officer Danny L. Boyd, Company C competed against several other MKT's during the competition.

The competing field mess teams are all remote from Fort Huachuca this year.

Two teams, including Company C, are located at Davis-Monthan AFB. The other team is located at Deming, N.M.

This is the only field competition that food service holds, Boyd said. The cooks involved say winning was no easy feat.

"It's hard being a cook in the field," said Spc. Travis L. Arrington, Company C food service team member.

"You have HAZMAT (hazardous materials) issues, sanitary issues and overall field appearance. These are the hardest things to keep up, because you're in the field," he added.

Pvt. Randy J. Lockhart, another Company C food service team member, echoed Arrington's comments. "There are a lot of long hours."

"You have to be dressed right dress. Everything has to be detailed," Lockhart added.

An abundance of hard work was put into this year's competition, according to Staff Sgt. Sedwick P. Price, food operations sergeant, Company C.

"It was constant training before and during this exercise," said Price who was not only proud of his team's effort, but of the team as a whole.

"I have an excellent team. My guys support me 100 percent, and they work hard. They're willing to learn, and they want to learn," Price said.

Now that Company C has captured the Mobile Kitchen Trailer title, they will compete for the Army's Philip A. Connelly Field Kitchen title against several other food service teams.

Boyd said a comprehensive field notebook is submitted to the Training and Doctrine Command. Based on the notebook's contents, TRADOC will decide which Armywide field mess teams qualify for viewing before the winner is selected.

Overall, Company C soldiers displayed pride in their accomplishments during the competition. They realized the importance of such an event and challenged themselves to rise to the occasion.

"Everything you make, you have to take pride in," said Spc. Dominick D. Deaton, Company C food service team member.

"In order to win the Connelly, you have to take pride in what you do, sometimes having to go above and beyond what you normally do," Deaton explained.

For this accomplishment, each team member received an impact award. The team, as a whole, received plaques for outstanding performance.



Company A, 40th Signal Cable and Wire team in front of their "A Frames" in Douglas.

Community Updates

Cochise Theater closed

Cochise Theater and the Barracks Telephone Office, located near the AAFES Main Exchange, will be closed through Friday during the installation of a new air conditionings system and replacement of the main power lines to the building.

Month of Military Child videos

The Commander’s Access Channel, (Channel 36) will air the following Month of the Military Child videotapes on the dates shown. Show times will be 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Today — Ten Solutions to Common Parenting Problems

April 25, 27 — Ten Ways to be a Better Parent

‘Never Too Late’ opens

The Sierra Vista Illegitimate Theater Company will open its spring production of Never Too Late on Friday. Never Too Late is a rollicking comedy about becoming a father in late-middle age written by film and TV writer Sumner Arthur Long. The play was Broadway’s “hottest ticket” for two years after opening in 1962. Performances will be at the Limelight Theater on Friday and Saturday.

Track, field meet

Parks and Leisure Services of Sierra Vista will conduct a track and field meet 9 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Bujalski Track & Field Complex at Fort Huachuca. The meet is open to boys and girls born 1986-1991 with a birth certificate copy due at registration. For information, call 458-7922.

Saturday testing available

To accommodate customers who are not available to test Monday - Friday, the Army Education Center will start a three-month trial program to provide testing services on the third Saturday morning of each month, beginning Saturday. The trial program will be for DANTES Subject Standardized Tests and College Level Examination Program Tests. Testing will be appointment only; appointments must be made no later than 12:30 p.m. the Thursday prior to the Saturday the test is to be administered. Testing participants must be at the Army Education Center by 8:50 a.m.; testing will begin promptly at 9 a.m. For information, call Sharon Townsend at 533-1701. Future test dates are May 20 and June 17.

Vietnam Moving Wall

Southern Arizona veterans invite you to “The Vietnam Moving Wall” a community effort to honor and support those who served in Vietnam. The Vietnam Moving Wall will be on display through Sunday at 6th and Toughnut on Skyline Drive in Tombstone. Closing ceremony is set for 4 p.m. Sunday. No admission is charged. The

display is sponsored by American Legion Post #24 of Tombstone.

Good Friday service

Fort Huachuca will conduct a Post Wide Ecumenical Good Friday Service at the Main Post Chapel, Friday, noon to 1 p.m. The service will focus on the “Passion of Jesus,” according to the Gospel of John. Hymns and special music will highlight this service of meditation. For information, call the Army Signal Command Chaplain Office at 538-6416 or the Main Post Chapel Office at 533-4748.

‘Black Comedy’ opens

Tickets are on sale for Bisbee Repertory Theatre’s production of “Black Comedy” by Peter Shaffer. The “black” in the title refers to the premise of this British farce - the lights have gone out in Brindsley’s art studio on the very night he’s trying to sell his sculpture to a millionaire and impress his fiancée’s stuffy father. Patrons are urged to arrive early - evening shows start at 7:30 and matinees at 3 p.m. No one will be seated during the first scene. “Black Comedy opens Friday and runs Fridays and Saturdays through May 13. There will be a Sunday evening show May 7 and two Sunday matinees, Easter Sunday and May 14. Advance tickets are \$8 at Ace Hardware and Atalanta’s Music and Books in Bisbee, the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce, the Oscar Yrun Community Center and the Tombstone Pharmacy. Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students through college. For more information, call 432-3786.

AAFES Easter specials

The Army, Air Force Exchange Service celebrates Easter with special events and sales throughout their stores. Festivities begin Saturday at 8:30 a.m. with an Easter Hat Contest and Parade Registration. The Easter Parade (all ages welcome) will run 9-10 a.m. with prizes for most original, most beautiful and funniest hats. Get your picture taken with the Easter Bunny 10-11 a.m. and view a Spring Fashion Show 11 a.m.-noon. Register to win a free Easter Bunny Ice Cream Cake from Baskin Robbins. Don’t miss the Clearance Sidewalk Sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Save 25-75 percent on selected items. AAFES is also offering 10-15 percent off selected Good Year tires through April 30.

Commissary closed

The Fort Huachuca Commissary will be closed Sunday in observance of Easter. For questions, call 533-5540 ext. 100.

Law Day luncheon

The Staff Judge Advocate of Fort Huachuca invites you to attend a Law Day Buffet Luncheon with the Honorable John Roll, U.S. District Court Judge speaking. The luncheon is set for 12:15 p.m. May 1

Do not handle wildlife

Due to recent skunk rabies cases at Fort Huachuca and in Sierra Vista, avoid contact with all wildlife. Call the Military Police Desk at 533-2181 to report dead wildlife.

Make sure all your pets are vaccinated against rabies. Pets having direct contact with wildlife should receive a booster immediately. Call the Post Veterinary Clinic at 533-2767 to report pet contact with wildlife.

Report all animal bites (including pets) on humans to your Primary Care Provider.



at the LakeSide Activity Centre. Cost is \$7.50 per person. Reservations are required by Monday. Checks must be made out to the LakeSide Activity Centre and mailed to:

Department of the Army
USAIC & Fort Huachuca
Office of The Staff Judge Advocate
ATTN: ATZS-JAB (1LT Ford)
Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-6000
For information, call the Legal Assistance Office at 533-2009.

ASMC lunch set

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its monthly business luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the La Hacienda Community Club. Featured speaker will be Col. Michael J. Gaffney, commander, 111th Military Intelligence Brigade.

The lunch menu will be a buffet and salad bar. Cost is \$8 for ASMC and AFCEA members and \$9 for non-members. To make reservations and purchase tickets, ASMC members and guests should contact organizational representatives or buy them at the door. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Trekkers meet Tuesday

The Thunder Mountain Trekkers will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, 311 Wilcox, Sierra Vista. The Trekkers are an internationally sanctioned non-competitive sports club, sponsoring four weekend walks and eight year-round events in Arizona. For information, call Wendy Breen at 378-1763.

Warrant Officer board

The Department of the Army Promotion Selection Board is scheduled to convene May 2 to consider eligible Chief Warrant Officers on the active duty list for promotion to CW3, CW4, CW5. Officers eligible for consideration have the following active duty dates of rank.

Zones of consideration for all Aviator Warrant Officers with the following MOSs 152B, 152D, 152F, 152G, 152H, 153A, 153B, 153D, 153E, 154C, 154E, 155D, 155E, 155F and 155G are as follows: above the zone, Sept. 30, 1994 and ear-

lier; promotion zone, Oct. 1, 1994 through Sept. 30, 1995; below the zone, Oct. 1, 1995 through Sept. 30, 1996.

Zones of consideration for all Technical Services Warrant Officer MOSs, including aviation MOS 151A, are as follows: above the zone, Sept. 30, 1995 and earlier; promotion zone, Oct. 1, 1995 through Sept. 30, 1996; below the zone, Oct. 1, 1996 through Oct. 30, 1997.

In order to be eligible for consideration by the board, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, PERSCOM (TAPC-MSE-R), no later than Tuesday. Exceptions are governed by para 1-33d, AR 600-8-29. Only original evaluation reports will be processed. Machine reproduced or electronically transmitted copies will not be accepted.

For information, call Margarethe Velasquez at 533-3267.

Mandatory ethics training

All DoD personnel required to file a Financial Disclosure Report are required to attend ethics training annually. All new employees are required to receive this training within 30 days of entering on duty. Training sessions will be held 10-11 a.m. in Room 1215, Greely Hall, on the following dates: April 27, May 11 and June 14.

Financial Disclosure Report filers are required to attend only one training session per calendar year. For information, call Tom King at 533-3197.

AG office closed

The Adjutant General Division will be closed 11:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., April 28 for the quarterly hail and farewell. Please plan accordingly.

For emergencies, call 533-2229.

Server outage scheduled

In order to improve network connectivity and services, the Directorate of Information Management is relocating the DTAC (CLXXI server) and the Intelligence Center’s Network Operations Center. Services affected during this relocation are Classroom XXI, Fort Huachuca web

See Updates, Page 9

Navy commander named JITC's Employee of Year



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class LaToya E. Sizer

Navy Lt. Cdr. Elizabeth M. Dunton, systems staff officer at the Joint Interoperability Test Command, was named JITC's Employee of Year.

*By Sgt. 1st Class LaToya E. Sizer
Public Affairs NCOIC*

A systems staff officer at the Joint Interoperability Test Command here has been named JITC's Employee of the Year.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Elizabeth M. Dunton was chosen for the title over 11 other employees of the month for 1999, said Wesley L. Holmes, chief, Automated Systems and Test Support Division, who nominated her over 40 other employees within the division and 140 others within JITC.

Dunton was selected based on her job performance. "Lieutenant Commander Dunton represented JITC in an outstanding manner to the Department of Defense community," Holmes said. "Her achievements in support of the Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Situational Awareness Data Link/Link 16 Gateway Project, culminated in the highly successful conduct of this system during Expeditionary Force Exercise 99."

Holmes said the system performed flawlessly and provided data to F-16 aircraft while forwarding data to the Link 16 network via modular control equipment.

"Her efforts contributed greatly to the overall Situational Awareness, Command and Control, and accomplishment of the Close Air Support mission during this exercise," Holmes continued. "Her professional expertise in identifying and delineating requirements for Tactical Data Systems testing, Hardware In The Loop initiatives, Advance Concept Development Technology efforts, and the Joint Operational C4I Assessment Team requirements was extremely vital to the successful execution of

"She expertly managed the development of software to replace antiquated PATRIOT and E-3 Tactical Data System Interface Units critical to Joint Interoperability Certification testing and completed the project for 20 percent of the anticipated cost."

Wesley L. Holmes

the JITC's Interoperability Certification of C4I Systems."

Additionally, Dunton's management of the Army Wide Area Network Tap Circuit Card hardware development effort resulted in completion of the project ahead of schedule, under budget, and with 100 percent customer satisfaction.

"She expertly managed the development of software to replace antiquated PATRIOT and E-3 Tactical Data System Interface Units critical to Joint Interoperability Certification testing and completed the project for 20 percent of the anticipated cost.

This accomplishment is a first for Dunton.

"It's very nice. I'm very honored," Dunton said. She received a certificate, Letter of Appreciation, electronic organizer and her own parking spot located in front of the JITC building.

Easter Sunrise Service begins at Main Post Chapel

Chapel release

Easter Sunday, April 23, begins with the Fort Huachuca Sunrise Service at the Main Post Chapel, 6-7 a.m. A light breakfast follows the service in the Chapel Activities Room. The breakfast is free. Signs will be posted to direct worshippers to the Main Post Chapel.

This year's sunrise service features the 36th Army Band playing in concert with chapel choirs. Chap. (Col.) Thomas Decker, Installation Staff Chaplain, will be the guest speaker.

A special ceremony at 6 a.m. begins the service outdoors in the courtyard at the Main Post Chapel. All congregations from Sierra Vista's churches are invited. The congregation proceeds from the Main Post Chapel courtyard into the sanctuary of the Chapel to worship.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Cherry at 538-1252 or 533-8774.



Tentative highway construction program totals \$2.7 billion

ADOT release

The Tentative Five-Year Highway Construction Program of the Arizona Department of Transportation calls for spending \$2.7 billion on the state highway system for Fiscal Years 2001-2005.

The expenditures will be for U.S. and State Route highways in all 15 counties, but does not include the \$1.4 billion budgeted for Fiscal Years 2001-2007 for the Regional Freeway System in the Phoenix metropolitan area. That system is known as the Maricopa Association of Governments Life Cycle Construction Program.

The State Transportation Board is holding public hearings in April on the tentative five-year program before taking final action in May or June. The program will begin July 1.

The public hearings are scheduled for: Friday, 9 a.m., The Historic Manning House, 450 West Paseo Redondo, Tucson; a regular monthly board meeting will follow the public hearing.

April 28, 9 a.m., Lake Havasu City Police Department, 2360 McCulloch Boulevard.

Of the \$2.7 billion for U.S. and State Route highways, \$1.8 billion would be for System Improvements, including \$1.2 billion for widenings and other corridor improvements. Another \$709 million would be for System Preservation, including \$465 million for resurfacing projects and \$103

million for various bridge projects. Finally, \$245 million would be for System Management, including \$176 million for preconstruction studies and design work.

Highlights of the Tentative Five-Year Highway Construction Program for Cochise County include:

Five-year total of \$30.5 million, including \$11.4 million in Fiscal 2001 and \$12.1 million in Fiscal 2004.

The Fiscal 2001 program includes \$1 million to apply a thin layer of oil and stones on 7.2 miles of B10 in Willcox and replace curb and gutter; \$2.5 million to enclose and extend concrete drainage culverts on I-10 between Bowie and the New Mexico state line to increase safety; \$2.5 million to construct safety berms on SR 80 between Douglas and Silver Creek; and \$2.4 million to resurface 9.1 miles of State Route 92 between Hunter Canyon Road and the San Pedro River south of Sierra Vista.

The Fiscal 2004 program includes \$2.1 million in Fiscal 2002 to replace the U.S. 191 bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks south of I-10 midway between Benson and Willcox; \$1.3 million in Fiscal 2003 to extend drainage structures on SR 80 between St. David and Clifford Wash and \$1.2 million in Fiscal 2005 to buy right-of-way for widening SR 92 between Melody Lane and School Terrace Road south of Sierra Vista.

'00 Dog Days of Summer concert announced

*By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer*

Fort Huachuca's Morale, Welfare and Recreation is proud to announce that Kansas and Foreigner are performing at the 2000 Miller Lite Dog Days of Summer Concert tour on post.

The concert will take place June 10 at 8 p.m. on Libby Army Airfield. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the concert go on sale May 1, at the MWR Box Office, La Hacienda Club, MWR Rents, Desert Lanes and the Ozone on post. Off-post locations include Safeways in Sierra Vista, Bisbee and Douglas as well as the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce.

Learn more about the 2000 Miller Lite Dog Days of Summer Concert, and other MWR events, by clicking on www.mwrhuachuca.com.





In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.

Fort Huachuca Volunteer Program

April is National Volunteer Month. A time when millions of dedicated men, woman and young people in communities throughout the nation are saluted for their outstanding efforts and contributions to their community. This seems an excellent time to get the word out on the many volunteer opportunities available here on Fort Huachuca through the Volunteer Program.

The Fort Huachuca Volunteer Program has 75 agencies registered who are actively seeking volunteers at one time or another. Post Museums, the Judge Advocate General's Office, Buffalo Corral, MWR and Army Community Service are just a few of the many agencies who need your help in variety of capacities. The Volunteer Program here on post needs the help of anyone who is willing to donate their time. Volunteers do not have to be affiliated with the military. With a signed parental agreement, even teenagers can find volunteer work.

In addition to specific agencies seeking volunteers, there are short-term events throughout the year in need of volunteers. These events are a great way for those who can't commit to volunteering long term but would still like to be a part of their community by volunteering in the short-term. Two such events are the upcoming Thunder Mountain Marathon and the Dog Days of Summer Concert.

The Thunder Mountain Marathon, coming May 6, is currently seeking volunteers for fruit stands, sign-in tables and water stands. Volunteers receive a free T-shirt.

The biggest event of the summer is coming in June and is in need of numerous volunteers. The Dog Days of Summer Concert Tour, this year featuring Foreigner and Kansas, needs volunteers for the following: • Parking Attendants • Ticket Takers • Beer & Soda Sellers • Backstage Security • Set-Up and Tear-Down • 10 Volunteers for the AT&T Booth • Two Volunteers for the Pepsi One Booth. All volunteers receive free admission to what's going to be a great concert plus a T-shirt.

There are several positive reasons to be a volunteer. By being a volunteer you benefit by; staying connected to your community, meeting new people and making friends, building a network of contacts and keeping your skills sharp. Most importantly, being a volunteer allows you to make a difference in your community and makes you feel good.

Individuals who participate in the Fort Huachuca Volunteer Program are recognized in various ways. Some accolades come directly from the particular agency to which you volunteer. Recognition may also come from the installation as a whole. For example, civilian volunteers can receive the 100 Hour Plus Certificate of Appreciation while active duty personnel may use their volunteer hours towards a recommendation for the Outstanding Volunteer Medal. Outstanding volunteers will be recognized annually at the Installation Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. This year the ceremony will be presented by Maj. Gen. John D. Thomas, May 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Those interested in volunteering should call the Fort Huachuca Volunteer Coordinator, Karla Grosinsky at 533-3686.

La Hacienda to host 'adult only' Live Urban Comedy Show on May 27

MWR release

On May 27 at 10:30 p.m. La Hacienda will host the Live Urban Comedy Show 2000. This Grace Entertainment Production is for adults only. You must be 18 years old and have a valid I.D. card to be admitted.

Opening the show is Charles Walden. Charles Walden has performed on Bet Comedy View, Comedy Central and Def Comedy Jam.

Darrell Kyle is the host of the show. Darrell Kyle may be recognized by some from his hilarious performance in the Live Comedy Show 2000 at La

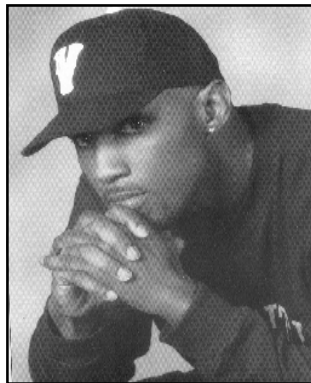
Hacienda in February.

Headlining the show will be Tone X. Tone X has recently opened for the Kings of Comedy Tour 2000. You may also have seen him on Showtime at the Apollo, Comedy Central and Def Comedy Jam.

Last but not least, Urban Comedy 2000 will feature Big Les. Big Les has appeared in several television sitcoms and comedy shows such as Showtime at the Apollo, Comic View and Def Comedy Jams, as well as films.

Don't miss what is sure to be a great show. Make sure to get your tickets early. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

For more information, call 533-3802.



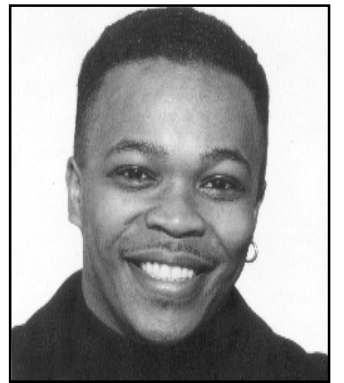
Tone X



Charles Walden



Big Les



Kyle

COMING JUNE 10!



Tickets
on sale
in May!

DOG DAYS of SUMMER

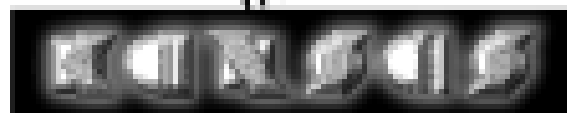
Open to
the
public!

ARMY CONCERT TOUR

Featuring

FOREIGNER

with



Call the MWR Box Office at 533-2404 for information or visit mwrhuachuca.com for the latest news on this upcoming event!



MWR
MORALE • WELFARE • RECREATION
Fort Huachuca, Arizona

Fort Huachuca Morale, Welfare & Recreation Updates



MWR
MORALE • WELFARE • RECREATION
Fort Huachuca, Arizona


The Directorate of Morale, Welfare & Recreation is responsible for content appearing on MWR pages in The Fort Huachuca Scout. Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to germanp@huachuca-emh1.army.mil.

B.A.R.N.E.S FIELD HOUSE
Y.S. orientation and ceremony

Youth Sports will host a Little League Baseball Program Parents and Sponsor Orientation and a Little League Baseball Program Opening Day Ceremony at 9 a.m. this Saturday. For more information, call 533-2541

Coed Intramural Softball

The Coed Intramural Softball Program will begin May 22. The coaches meeting will be conducted May 4 at 11a.m. Units who would like to participate in this program will be required to submit a Memorandum of Intent with coaches name or team rep. included. Also include any military committment which would prevent a unit from playing any regularly scheduled games. All games will be played Monday through Thursday starting at 5:30 p.m. This is a Major Commander's Cup sport. Must be an MWR authorized patron to participate. For further information. please call Michelle Kimsey at 533-5031.

**THUNDER MOUNTAIN MARATHON AND RELAYS** FORT HUACHUCA SIERRA VISTA - AZ

The Thunder Mountain Marathon is fast approaching. Register at Barnes or Oscar Yrun Community Center in Sierra Vista. Your entry fee includes the 2000 Thunder Mountain Marthon T-shirt and a FREE pre-race Pasta Fest meal the night before. Packet Pickup will begin May 4 at Barnes, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and May 5 at the Windemere, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. For information, call 533-2947.

The following roads will be closed May 6: **Squire (Brainaird to Kelsay)**. On post traffic should detour up Kelsay. **Brainaird (Kelsay to Hatfield)** from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Brainaird (Hatfield to Arizona)** 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Whitside (Brainaird to Irwin)** 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. **Whitside (Irwin to Smith)** 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. **Garden Canyon Road** 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. **Winrow (Irwin to Mountain View Golf Course)** 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Off post traffic must detour down Squire. Use caution while driving and watch for runners!

Rollin' THUNDER
skate park

Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday

Youth Services will host an Easter Egg Hunt with games, candy and fun on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. for children ages 12 and under. The Youth Center and Rollin' Thunder Skate Park will be closed this Sunday for Easter.

SPORTSMAN'S CENTER 533-7085

Half Priced Paintball will be offered on Saturday. Cost is \$2.50 for the range fee or \$10 for the rental package. First come, first served.

The Sportsman's Center will be closed this Sunday in observance of Easter. The monthly Sporting Clay Fun Shoot will ne held on April 30 at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 per 100 targets. Targets only (not reg-istered).

La Hacienda
533-7322

La Hacienda/Pepperoni's will be closed Easter Sunday.

Come out and celebrate Cinco De Mayo with live Mexican music at La Hacienda! On May 6, La Hacienda will host the live Mexican band Alas De Oro from Douglas as well as a DJ playing Salsa and Merengue. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Must be 18 years and have a valid I.D. card. Menudo and others snacks from Pepperoni's will be served.

LakeSide
ACTIVITY CENTRE
Cookouts every Friday

Beginning in May, the LakeSide will host a Cookout every Friday through September. Cookouts will be from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the LakeView Patio. Guests will have their choice of steak, hamburgers, or hotdogs served with a choice of potato salad, beans and rolls with butter.

Updates from Page 6

page access, OSIS routing, and the Intelligence Center & School's networked services.

The proposed outage will be from 4 p.m., April 28 through midnight April 30. DOIM does not anticipate any problems with the equipment relocation, and is taking every precaution to ensure service is fully restored for normal duty Monday morning. This relocation was scheduled during the weekend to minimize mission impact and customer inconvenience.

Adopt a Greyhound

The Greyhound Adoption League of Sierra Vista will conduct a Greyhound Adoption Day on April 29 for Sierra Vista and the surrounding area. The adoption day will run 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bookman's Bookstore, 100 West Fry Blvd. For information, call Dave Breen at 378-1763.

Fiesta de Garibaldi

As part of the 18th Annual International Mariachi Conference April 24-29, the Fiesta de Garibaldi will recreate the Garibaldi Plaza in Mexico City featuring food, game booths, Mariachis and Baile Folklorico dancers - an event for the whole family. The fiesta is open 10 a.m.-10 p.m. April 29 in Armory Park and is free to the public. The fiesta, in collaboration with the Tucson Children's Museum, will host hands-on children's art workshops throughout the day.

Switch to cooling system to begin

DIS release

The Directorate of Installation Support will begin changeover to cooling equipment effective May 1. Completion dates are projected to be May 16 for post facilities and May 31 for family housing units. Any facility that has not been completed by the above dates should be reported to the DIS operations and maintenance contractor Work Control Section, at 533-5457 or 533-5459 for assistance.

In most facilities this changeover requires the heater to be disconnected before the cooling unit can be activated. Occupants waiting to have their changeover performed are urged to open windows and doors on warm days. To assure a smooth and quick changeover, the enclosed schedule has been established for family housing:

— Callbacks for coolers that have been turned on should be referred to the operations and maintenance contractor, Work Control Section, at 533-5457 or

533-5459 until May 31 for post facilities and June 7 for family housing. After these dates service should be placed with the DIS Service Order Desk at 533-3151 or 533-2003.

— The projected dates are subject to change if significant weather changes occur or problems are encountered at the housing units. Every effort will be made to provide the highest level of customer service with the least amount of inconvenience. Your patience and understanding during this changeover is appreciated.

For information, call 533-5593.

Seasonal recurring maintenance schedule housing cooler turn-on:

May 1-5: Bernard Ct., Brown Ct., Carter St., Cushing St., Fuller St., Hall Cr., Hanna St., Hatfield St., Irwin St., Jeffords St., Kautz St., May Ct., Mott Cr., Patch St.

Odd Numbers: 100-120 west of

Rucker, 121-143 east of Cushing, 208-244 east of Cushing

May 8 -12: Cushing St., Craig St., Craig St., Faison Cr., Hardley St., Hughes St., Jeffords St., Meyer St., Rafferty St., Royal St., Rucker St., Stedman St., White St.

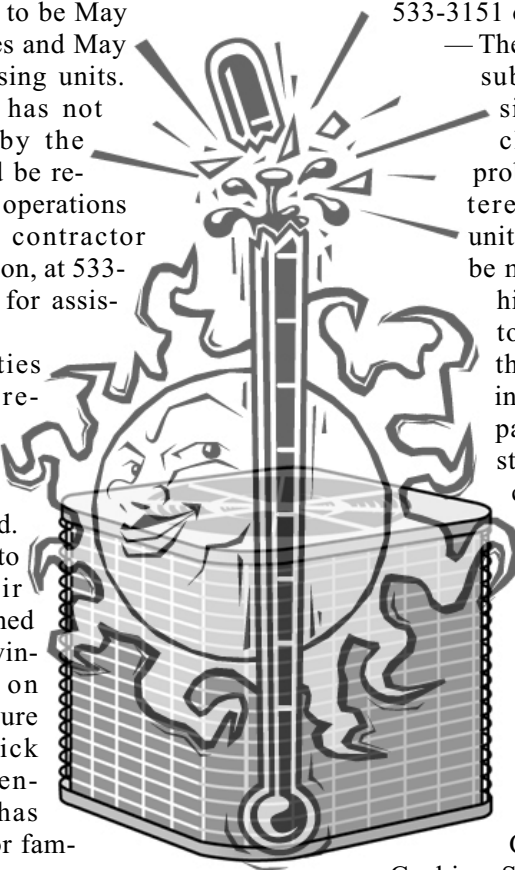
Even Numbers: 108-144 east of Rucker, 100-107 west of Rucker, 159-227 east of Rucker, 162-207 and 209-211 east of Rucker, 115-130 east of Rucker.

Odd Numbers: 150-216 east of Rucker.

May 15-19: Burns Rd., Carlson St., Cooney St., Compton St., Crawford St., Derum St., Dodson St., Dorsey St., Hughes St., Jeffords St., Meyer St., Moore Cr., Mottern Cr., Nelson Cr., Nickles St., Rucker St., Schmidt St., Stanley St., Stedman St., Stovall St., DeAnza Village, Perishing Plaza, 100-158 west of Rucker, 100-161 west of Rucker, 109-114 west of Rucker/east of Arizona, Coronado Village.

Even Numbers: 100-149 west of Rucker.

May 22-26: Andrews Rd., Arizona St., Burt Rd., Crandal St., Davis Rd., Dove Rd., Evans Rd., Grierson St., Henry Cr., Hines Rd., Lawton Rd., Leonardwood St., Luke Ct., Luke St., Madden St., Mason St., Meyer St., Mills St., Mizner St., Tupper St., Winrow St., Wright St., Bonnie Blink, Signal Village, Calvary Park, Signal Village, 100-108 west of Arizona.



Volunteers chip in for Earth Day at Main Post Chapel

Chap. (Capt.) Ike Houck
111th MI Bde. Staff Chaplain

Volunteers of the 111th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort Huachuca ushered in Earth Day by providing muscle, time and talent in the courtyard of the Main Post Chapel.

“Earth Day is simply another way for people to exercise good stewardship of the creation given to us by God,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Robert Brady, chaplain, 305th MI Battalion. “Some chaplains are a little concerned that Earth Day might compete with the Passover or Easter — become like an alternative to Easter Sunday — but I do not think we are really competing with it,” he said.

“Earth Day is not a religious event, unless one sees it as an exercise of religious conviction to care for creation as stewards of something that belongs to the Holy One,” Brady said. He put his foot to the shovel and turned over fresh dirt, “Earth Day in the Army is really every day. We are always given opportunities to care for the earth because God told us to do it. We cultivate the earth, tend it and subdue it. The earth is given to us and we are to enjoy it and use its resources rightly.”

Spc. Danielle Manning, installation chaplain assistant, supervised the project at the Main Post Chapel where over 40 soldiers of the 309th and 305th MI BNs, together with teens from the Post Youth Group tilled the soil around the chapel.

“Earth Day is more than just one day a year of gardening, planting and trimming. It is more than just another day to clean up. It is about highlighting our practice of good stewardship,” Manning said.

“Everybody practices some kind of stewardship. We provide opportunities for our soldiers to learn about good stewardship of the earth by caring for it right here,” she emphasized. “We are reminded of the familiar motto, ‘Think globally, but act locally.’ We must remind ourselves how to treat the earth with respect. Creation is not ours do with as we please. It is what God made for us. It belongs to God. The way we treat the earth has consequences for us now and for future generations.” Manning stood amidst the mounds of recycled dirt and continued to plant flowers around the courtyard.

A young soldier from Company D, 309th MI BN moved stones and dirt to make room for new spring



Photo by Chap. (Capt.) Ike Houck

111th MI Bde. volunteers chipped in Saturday to clean up the Main Post Chapel courtyard.

growth. Pvt. Joshua Gaccicne said, “We want Fort Huachuca to reflect our Army values, not just in us, but in the ground we walk. Think of it,” he continued, “the very ground we walk on could be thought of as the bedrock of Army values. This is a wonderful place and I want to help make it more wonderful,” he said as he moved across the walkway and emptied his shovel.

2nd Lt. Stephanie Thomas, Company B, 309th MI BN, admitted that she knew little about Earth Day until she came to Fort Huachuca. “What is Earth Day? Before this I could not really say, but I know that we are helping to make one corner of this old world a little prettier.”

2nd Lt. Ryan Bird of the 309th added, “We are training soldiers to deploy all over the world. Think how much of an impact we are having as we continue to teach good stewardship. This is one way to express our thanks to God and build a team spirit.”

Bird directed the Post Youth Group through a variety of work details until late in the day. “Give without measure and you will receive immeasurably, yes, more than you can imagine. This is the motto of our leaders and we see it demonstrated every day,” he said. “Plant a small seed and watch it grow, in time that seed can make a huge tree,” he said to the Youth Group during a rest. Ashley Thomas, a member of the youth group lifted a bag of dirt that looked twice her size. Ashley said, “We want our chapel to sprout flowers and become a home to song

birds.” Her friends laughed.

The many volunteers began work early on Saturday, and worked the entire day stopping for lunch, which Audra Parker provided as her volunteer gift to the workers. “Chaplain [Col. Thomas R.] Decker, the installation chaplain, told me about this project and I knew that they would get hungry, so I cooked them lunch.”

Then Staff Sgt. Twanada Cherry arrived with 60 pizzas donated by the 111th MI Bde. Chaplain’s Fund. Cherry said, “We have to take care of soldiers, and we know that the Army runs on pizza!”

Soldiers enjoyed a meal they would not forget. Cherry said, “Col. Michael Gaffney, our brigade commander, emphasizes how much young soldiers have to offer. Not just the mandatory duties of service, but what they can offer as volunteers. Colonel Gaffney tells us that the Military Intelligence Corps is on the move to provide valuable information for battlefield commanders. He says the Military Intelligence Corps with the Army is moving into the future to provide quality soldiers who are true professionals, and these young soldiers are also moving into the communities to provide valuable volunteers — volunteers for America,” she said. “Colonel Gaffney visited the soldiers and encouraged us,” she added. A festive spirit seemed to permeate the labor of the day. No one seemed to mind the sun or the work.

Chaplain (Col.) Thomas Decker, the installation staff chaplain, pointed out that many people live, work and worship at Fort Huachuca and the Main Post Chapel is a house of prayer for all of them. In conversation with the volunteer soldiers he told many that the chapel is a place where active duty soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, together with their family members and retired personnel, can come to pray and express their trust and hope in God. It is most fitting to begin Earth Day at the chapel and work outward. We begin at the center. The chapel is the center of our business and we want the chapel grounds to reflect our commitment to the work of worship conducted in this place.

Pvt. Sheena McIntosh, chaplain’s assistant, Company C, 305th MI Bn, said with a grin that, “Soldiers take pride in their work, and we will not let one stone be left unturned. Yes, even the dirt will be clean by the day’s end.”

Sierra Vista celebrates Earth Week

City of Sierra Vista release

All across the country communities celebrate Earth Day on April 22 of each year. Earth Week is the City of Sierra Vista’s expanded version celebration of our environment and programs designed to protect it.

This year there are numerous events that the residents of Sierra Vista can participate in - spring cleanup, compost pickup, planting projects, environmental tours, and educational programs at local schools, to name just a few.

The purpose of Earth Week is to elevate environmental awareness and provide citizens with a way to participate in the preservation of the area’s unique environment. Annually, hundreds of residents help cleanup roadsides, alleyways and now washes and open spaces. Through Saturday there will be a number of special event sponsored by the city.

For those who like the indoors, have your office join City Hall in the second “Clean Your Files Day” which will run

through Friday. The typical office worker has over 15 pounds of recyclable paper sitting in or around his/her desk. Sierra Vista residents are being encouraged to take some time and sort through all that paper and recycle what they can.

As part of the city’s continuing effort to preserve native plants, conserve water and demonstrate the benefits of xeriscape, the city, along with members of the Plant Sciences Task Force, will be conducting two native planting projects. One will focus on enhancing the garden at the City Library and the other, in cooperation with SSVEC, will improve a local right-of-way.

For those who want a less strenuous activity, tours of Sierra Vista’s Plant Sciences Center, Wastewater Facility, or the Compost Center are available. Residents can learn what it takes to preserve native plants and save water, or see a water harvesting demonstration, and get a list of native and desert-adapted plants for use in

See Earth Week, Page 13

Commentary

Some fishing, picnic areas may go away

By Stan Williamson
Scout Staff

Plans concerning the future of on-post fishing and picnic areas were the major topic during a meeting April 5, called by the Director of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The common point of all the discussions quickly became apparent. Trash! People using the facilities for fishing or picnics are trashing the areas. The areas are the Golf Course, LakeSide Activity Centre fishing ponds, picnic areas, and the Gravel Pit and Woodcutter’s ponds.

Access to the Woodcutter’s pond is now closed due to live fire training on the fort’s training ranges.

However, human carelessness may result in the other fishing ponds and picnic areas being closed, or their use restricted in some other manner.

Picnic areas in Lower Garden Canyon, Huachuca Canyon and on Reservoir Hill have sustained considerable damage to the equipment and facilities provided. Some barbecue grills are missing their racks, while others have been knocked over. Playground equipment has been damaged and is unusable, and the amount of trash being left behind by picnickers is becoming unmanageable.

Many years ago it was not a problem to have a detail assigned to police the trash from these areas. This is not the case today. With the troop drawdown of the last several years resulting in overall reduced unit strength, and the Army’s effort to assign more soldiers to FORSCOM units instead of TRADOC activities, the soldier “detail” is no longer a ready resource

See Go away, Page 13

Spiritual 'fitness' goal of new chapel annex

By Sgt. Cullen James
Scout Staff

Soldiers in the MI Village will soon have a new place to talk, rest and have their spirits lifted. A new chapel annex for the 305th and 309th Military Intelligence Battalions is anticipated to open late May or early June.

"The building is for the 305th and 309th staff chaplains and their staff," said Chap. (Capt.) Ike Houck, staff chaplain, 111th MI Brigade. "It has a commons area for religious activities, family support group meeting and worship services. There's no other place like it in the Army."

Currently the MI students have their spiritual needs taken care of at the end of Company A, 305th MI BN's barracks. "It's really not suitable in the long term," Houck said. "Because soldier living areas are at a premium, [the building] will free up some space."

As important as physical fitness is for a soldier's body, spiritual fitness is important for the soul, according to Houck. "The MI commanders here recognize the benefits of having unit ministry teams in the midst of soldiers and [the chapel annex] will give soldiers direct access to the 'listening posts' of the Army," he said.

"Listening post is a commonly used MI term. By that I mean that soldiers will have a place to come, put down their rucksacks and have a listening ear - it's all about soldier care.

"Because of the rigors the soldiers and cadre go through in the training environment, it's important to have a place to rest. Soldiers can come here, rest and come away renewed," Houck said.

"The key to this building is soldier access," Houck said. "This gives us a location that identifies who we are and where we are. Across the street is physical fitness, and here is spiritual fitness."

Houck touts Fort Huachuca's MI com-

manders as being responsible for the effectiveness of the chaplaincy and for getting the new annex built. "Chaplains work hand-in-hand with commanders," he said.

"We follow the commander's religious support programs. The commanders here have been examples for the rest of the Army to emulate. They give money and support better than any place I've ever been.

"The commanders here elevate us (chaplains) to positions of influence within the command. They support us, and by doing so demonstrate how vital spiritual fitness training is important to soldiers," Houck said.

"Soldiers are people - they're not just here to go to school," Houck explained. "This is a moral training center. When you think about how many trainees come through here, about 7,000 a year, you can see the importance of spiritual training. Fort Huachuca is more than just a technical training post; it's a place to form leaders. And we need strong moral leaders."

Programs planned for the annex include regular worship services, chaplain counseling, as well as a couple of special programs. "We have planned soldier coffee houses that we call the 'MI House of Blues,' blue being the MI regimental color. We also have a leadership program we call 'Styles of Leadership,' where we examine different kinds of leaders through contemporary film. The annex will also be open for small discussion groups," Houck explained.

Although the annex will be available for soldiers' guidance, Houck explained the building is only one step in the process. "This is only one building, not the end of the program. We want to build a chapel here also."

"This annex isn't the primary place for worship," Houck said. "But, it's first a way of saying we're committed to soldier care."

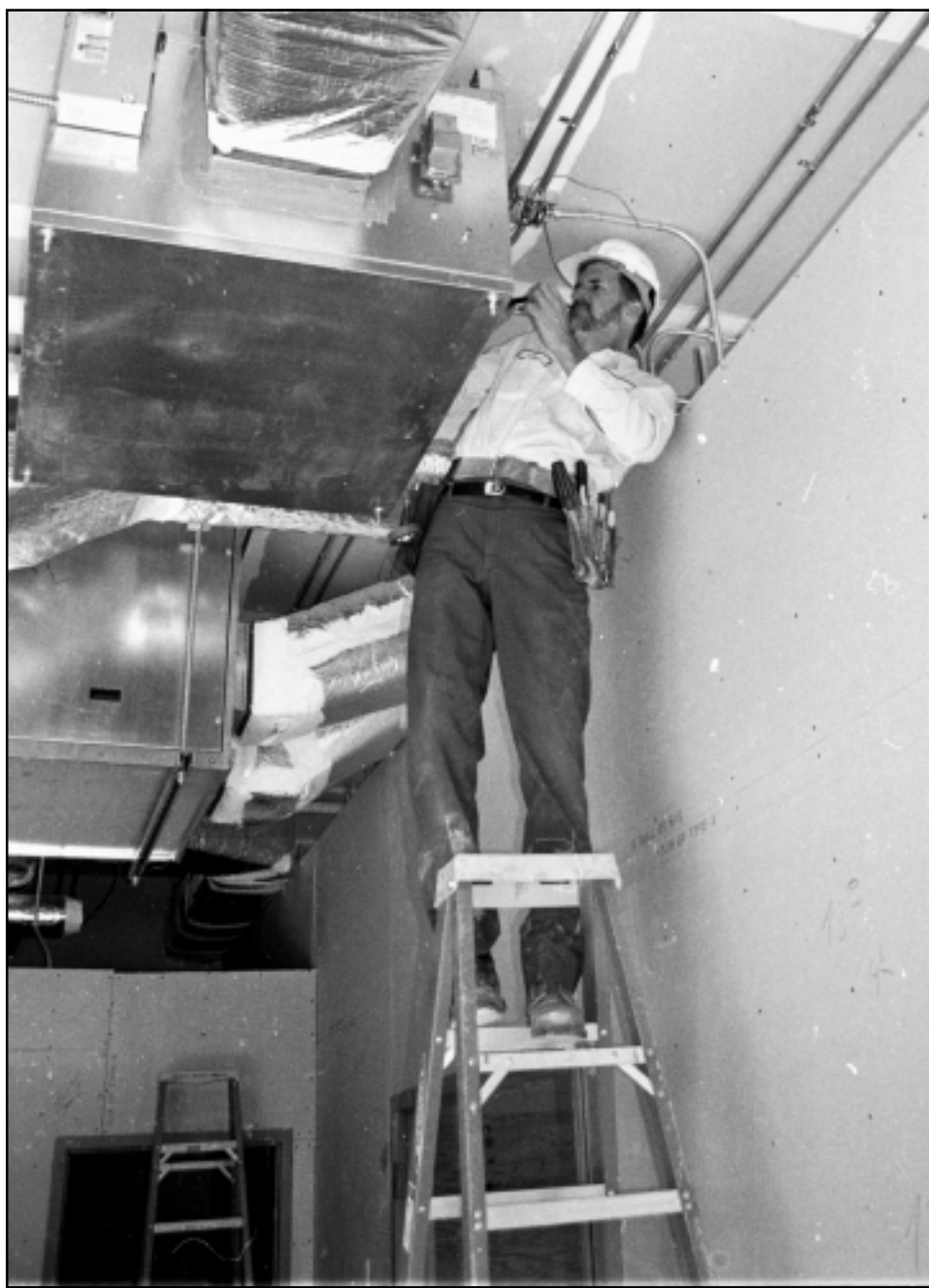


Photo by Sgt. Cullen James

Mark Cassidy, an electrician with Castro Electric, installs some wiring in the foyer of the new chapel annex. Completion of the annex is anticipated for late May or early June.

Information a click away on Army's internal web site

By Ali Bettencourt
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Nov. 1 the U.S. Army became the first service to stand up an internal web site available to the entire service community.

"Army Knowledge Online," <http://www.us.army.mil/>, is the Army's global Intranet, and offers active-duty and reserve soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, retirees and other authorized users a secure environment to communicate and access a warehouse of military-related information, said Maj. Kristina Van Nederveen, AKO project leader.

No other service offers a global Intranet at this time, she said. AKO looks and acts like other commercial portals, offering chat room capabilities, free email accounts and the ability to personalize the homepage, Van Nederveen said.

"We looked at what they were doing in the private sector, to see what type of fea-

tures people want, and we incorporated them into our portal," she said.

Email accounts with AKO can be checked from any web browser, allowing Army personnel to easily access email while on temporary duty, while moving or even after retiring, Van Nederveen said.

"You can have the same email account for your entire ... career," she said.

The portal's search engine only searches web sites with the military domain, (.mil), for information, cutting down the number of unrelated hits that often result from an Internet search, Van Nederveen said.

"This is the most powerful search engine online for Army content," said Maj. Charles A. Wells, AKO program manager.

AKO also offers a people search that currently allows users to locate other AKO users and will ultimately be linked to the U.S. Army Total Personnel Command's Total Army Personnel Database and a similar database for DA civilians to act as an Armywide

locator, Van Nederveen said.

Newsgroups, Army news updates and important messages from the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff are also one click away on the site, providing the Army community with quick access to important and relevant information, she said. "The web site is helping people get their job done," Van Nederveen said.

"There is the potential to cut down on the amount of TDY people have to do and time people work on a project, because they can work on the same document or briefing together online."

"We think that once the word spreads to the soldiers out in the field, AKO will be as popular in the Army as other commercial web sites are in the private sector," she said.

AKO managers hope that as more soldiers and others in the Army community begin to use the site, they will provide feedback so the portal can continue to improve, Van Nederveen said.

March water pumpage

By Tanja M. Linton
Media Relations Officer

The water pumpage at Fort Huachuca for March 2000 is 44,656,000 gallons, or 137 acre feet, and is equivalent to 1.4 million gallons per day. The March 2000 pumpage is 18.5 percent less than that pumped in March 1999 and is 36 percent less than the 18 year March average.

This March's pumpage is the lowest March pumpage during the 18-year period. Total water pumped year to date is 10.5 percent less than that pumped in 1999.

Treated effluent reuse for March 2000 was 34.6 acre feet. This is water that did not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer (a water and energy savings) to irrigate the golf course, Chaffee parade field and MI village on post.

TRICARE tips: How to get help with claim problems

MEDDAC release

The key to preventing your claims from not being paid or receiving non-covered services, believe it or not, is the telephone. Use the following numbers to assist you and keep them handy.

- Your local Health Benefits Advisors — 533-1204.
 - TRICARE Service Center — 515-5840. If you need information about the status of an authorization or referral, push menu option 5. For all other general information push menu option 4, this will direct your call to the Phoenix office.
 - TriWest 24-hour Service — 1-888-874-9340. This number should be used when traveling outside of your service area.
 - After duty hours Primary Care Manager — 533-2433. When you call that number, your call will be logged, to include what action or advice was given.
- Don't wait until you have been turned over to a collection agency before you inquire about your bill. Remember, very few things are free, so make a point to find

out first and get on the phone.

Take the time to read your TRICARE handouts and make a list of those things you don't understand. The small details you overlook now may cause problems later.

Study the TRICARE comparison chart, you will notice that the co-payments are not the same for all services. Speak with a representative about the options you've chosen if you need clarification.

Don't be afraid to ask your doctor questions such as, "should he/she obtain an authorization prior to you having that procedure or test done?"

Remember, the worst information you can get from a person about TRICARE starts with "Let me tell you what happen to me." After they finish telling you the story - get on the phone.

Understand that you are the person that helps the doctor. You know where you hurt, how bad it hurts, and most of all, you know within a reasonable time after seeing your doctor whether or not that pain is still there. Please help your doctor by giving him/her some feedback if the

pain remains. Don't complain without action, get on the phone.

You have heard that TRICARE was standardized nationwide. This is true as it pertains to the main policy concepts such as co-payments, entitlements, and quality of care. However, not all Military Treatment Facilities are standardized. There is a great difference between Health Centers and Medical Centers. You should get in touch with your Health Benefits Advisors for MTF information.

There are certain requirements you need to know, such as double coverage, when you have other health insurance. You should call your local Health Benefits Advisor before you pay your provider as it may prevent balance billing. Also keep in mind that parents and parents-in-law are not eligible for TRICARE. They are only eligible for direct care in a Military Treatment Facility.

I challenge you to try stumping the HBAs on any question relating to medical benefits. Again, the number is 533-1204. We are here to help you.

Use caution with alternative medicines

By Allen F. Almquist
Madigan Army Medical Center

Alternative medicine, including the use of herbal remedies, has become quite popular among Americans. Estimates are that a third of the population now consumes some form of herbal supplementation.

While the vast majority of these supplements are basically safe, both good and bad can result from their consumption.

Soldiers and their families, as well as commanders and first sergeants, must be informed about the potential for adverse effects and drug interactions. This way they can use these products safely

and monitor the effects the supplements have on them.

Always tell your physician or pharmacist about any herbal products you may be taking.

Among the herbs of concern are androstenedione and ephedra.

Andro

Androstenedione, also know as andro, became a household word in 1998 when St. Louis Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire was reported to have been taking the supplement.

Andro is a hormone found primarily in animal adrenal glands, ovaries, testicles and other organs and is commer-

cially made from cholesterol or phyto-sterols.

Dehydroepiandrosterone is another hormone which the body converts to androstenedione, which in turn is then converted to testosterone and estrogen.

DHEA, available in supplements, is reportedly made from diosgenin, which is found in wild yams.

Products which claim to be "natural DHEA" indicate that the supplement actually contains diosgenin instead of DHEA.

However, there is doubt that the human body can convert diosgenin to



See Alternative, Page 14

Medical Activity Command RWBAHC pathology excels

MEDDAC release

Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center's Department of Pathology at Fort Huachuca has been awarded an accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists, based on results of a February 2000 on-site inspection.

The laboratory's director, Capt. Keith Stretchko, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the excellence of the services being provided to the Fort Huachuca community.

"There was a great deal of teamwork to get this accomplished, especially on the part of Ms. Gail Houston [Quality Improvement coordinator] and Sergeant First Class Johnnie Morgan [Noncommissioned Officer In Charge]. I'm especially proud of the fact that zero deficiencies were noted during this inspection."

RWBAHC Department of Pathology is one of the more than 6,000 CAP-ac-

credited laboratories nationwide.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, began in the early 1960s and is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

Inspectors examine the records and quality control of the laboratory for the preceding two years, as well as the education and qualifications of the total staff, the adequacy of the facilities, the equipment, laboratory safety, and laboratory management to determine how well the laboratory is serving the patients.

The College of American Pathologists is a medical society serving nearly 16,000 physician members and the laboratory community throughout the world. It is the world's largest association composed exclusively of pathologists and is widely considered the leader in laboratory quality assurance. The CAP is an advocate for high-quality and cost-effective medical care.

Dental Activity Command Getting more than you bargained for - two dental exams in one

DENTAC release

The next time you visit your dentist, ask about your oral cancer screening — most people receive one during their regular dental checkup but do not realize it, reports the Academy of General Dentistry, an organization of general dentists dedicated to continuing dental education.

The dentist checks about 10 places inside and around the mouth, looking for lumps or irregular tissue changes.

Every year, 40,000 Americans are diagnosed with oral cancer which accounts for roughly 9,000 deaths each year, or three percent of all cancer-caused deaths. "If detected early, oral cancer can be cured," says Fred Magaziner, DDS, a spokesperson for the Academy of General Dentistry, "and that is why many dentists make this a part of their routine dental examination for their patients."

"Often, patients don't realize the exam

is being conducted," notes Magaziner, "because it is a quick, comfortable addition to the patient's regular dental checkup."

Oral cancer has the lowest survival rate, however, because it is typically painless in its early stages and goes unnoticed by its victim until it spreads, leading to chronic pain and sometimes loss of function before it is diagnosed. In its later stages, it can lead to surgery and facial and oral disfigurement. Surgery can include removal of a portion of the tongue and jaw.

"People can also conduct a self examination," says Dr. Magaziner, "to look for the signs of oral cancer, including any sore that persists longer than two weeks, a swelling or growth, a lump or sore spot anywhere in or around the mouth or neck, white or red patches in the mouth or on the lips, repeated bleeding from the mouth or throat, difficulty swallowing or persistent hoarseness."

Fort welcomes new PX manager

By Angela Moncur
Scout Staff

In the midst of the physical “facelift” of Fort Huachuca’s Post Exchange, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service introduces us to a new face - Marshall Bickerstaff, the exchange’s new main store manager.

Bickerstaff comes to Fort Huachuca from Fort Lewis, Wash. via the AAFES mobile managers system, where managers sign a contract to move anywhere at anytime at the request of AAFES.

The normal assignment is two to four years.

Bickerstaff said he is happy to be at Fort Huachuca after requesting a warmer climate assignment from AAFES.

“I have been assigned to northern locations these past few years and consider myself lucky to be assigned to Fort Huachuca with its temperate climate. I really am pleased with the size of the town and that there are no traffic jams,” he said. “Even the lunch hour rush on Fry Boulevard doesn’t compare with Seattle.”

Bickerstaff, born and raised in Jacksonville, Fla., has a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla. He has a long career in retail management and has been with AAFES since 1984.



Photo by Angela Moncur

Bickerstaff plans a seven-phase “facelift” of the Main PX, and Phase One has already begun with the renovation of the Power Zone.

“I have held various positions within AAFES, all in main stores, and have accumulated experience in all phases of main store management,” he said.

Bickerstaff and his wife of 10 years, Ursula, enjoy traveling with AAFES and have been assigned to McDill Air Force Base, Fla.; Patrick AFB, Fla.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Lowry AFB, Colo.; and Colorado Springs.

His biggest project with the Fort Huachuca is the seven-phase facelift of the Main Post Exchange.

Phase one of the construction, the

See PX manager, Page 15

Beware of rabid animals

Recent sightings mean keep your pets safe

By Angela Moncur
Scout Staff

In the past two weeks, four rabid animals have been identified in the Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca area. Rabies is a 100-percent fatal disease of warm-blooded animals including pets and humans that is caused by a virus transmitted through the saliva of infected animals.

Rabies is a naturally occurring disease that is present in skunk, raccoon and bat populations in Arizona. Other animals become infected by contact with these animals.

According to an Arizona Department of Health Service newsletter, dated January 2000, The Arizona State Health Laboratories in Phoenix and Tucson tested 2,144 animals for rabies in 1999. Of those, 1427 (67 percent) were domestic animals and 717 (33 percent) were wild animals. Eighty-one animals tested positive for rabies, an increase compared to 1998 when 48 of 1873 animals tested positive.

“Rabid animals were reported from all counties except La Paz and Graham,” the newsletter stated. “A total of 35 humans, 21 dogs and 13 cats were exposed to laboratory-confirmed rabid animals during the year. There were no human cases of rabies in 1999, though hundreds of people received post exposure prophylaxis to prevent rabies from developing.”

Since 1990, 27 human rabies deaths have occurred in the United States. The last

known human case of rabies in Arizona was in 1981.

The newsletter went on to say that 11 of 150 skunks tested positive for rabies in 1999, all in the southern counties of Cochise, Pima and Santa Cruz.

Wayne Kaiser, Sierra Vista Animal

See Rabid animals, Page 15

Be rabies aware

By Angela Moncur
Scout Staff

Positive rabies cases in the Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca area have led to an increased awareness of the risks in animal handling.

Private residents are warned not to handle wildlife, especially animals that may be found dead, and are instructed to call the Military Police Desk at 533-2181 to report dead animals or animal bites.

MPs call the Brown and Root Pest Control 24-hour hotline to help locate, trap and quarantine the animal. Then Veterinary Services observes the animal for 72 hours.

Through this whole process, somebody is going to touch that animal. So what keeps them from con-

See Awareness, Page 15

Earth Week from Page 10

their landscape plan. Free water audits are available for homes or businesses through the Water Wise program where people will discover many ways to save water and money. Details will be available from Plant Sciences Center staff or call 458-8278 ext. 141.

The City Compost Facility has compost and mulch ready for area gardeners. Now is the time to prepare garden beds with some of the best compost available. Compost will rejuvenate dormant garden beds for a great growing season. Using mulch is an excellent way to save money and water, and help trees and shrubs thrive. Mulch can provide a protective barrier around the base of trees and shrubs, thereby reducing water loss. Mulch is \$8 a load, unscreened compost is \$10, and screened compost is \$15.

Earth Week is just one part of many comprehensive programs to stimulate environmental awareness in the area. Other programs include Adopt-A-Highway, Adopt-A-Wash, Drop-off Recycling, Water Wise, the Compost Program, the Plant Sciences Center, Phonebook Recycling and the Spring/Fall Cleanup Events.

For more information on Earth Week Events of the other environmental programs, call the City of Sierra Vista’s Environmental Services Division at 458-3315.

Go away from Page 10

of manpower to do jobs such as cleaning up behind people who use these areas.

Several options were discussed at the meeting. First, try to obtain volunteer units or activities to take on the responsibility of policing one of the areas. This would work much like the Arizona Highway Department’s “Adopt a Highway” program.

A second option is to obtain authority to impose stiff fines — \$500 was suggested — on people caught littering any of these areas. Individuals would be issued a U.S. Magistrate Court citation and be required to appear in court, or pay the fine by mail. This idea will be run by the Staff Judge Advocate office and the Provost Marshal.

A third suggestion involves limiting access to the ponds and requiring reservations for the picnic areas. This would require a fee charged to the DMWR to pay for the employee who would have to be hired to manage the program.

A fourth topic involved removing the picnic tables, grills and playground equipment from some these areas and having fewer areas available for family or unit picnics.

No decision on this issue has been made at this time, but it is apparent that something must be done soon. The bottom line is, none of this would be necessary, if people would only pickup their own trash and take it home to be disposed of, or use the trash cans.

College-bound students should register for next ACT exam

ACT release

The next ACT Assessment will be administered nationwide on June 10.

College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by May 5 — the deadline for having your registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of May 19, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools, and are used along with other student information, such as high school grade point average, for admissions decisions and to help place students in appropriate courses for their academic achievement. The test fee is \$22 (\$25 in Florida).

Students can register for the ACT by getting information from their high school counselors or online at ACT’s website - www.act.org.

The website also has helpful informa-

tion, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials including an interactive CD-ROM, ACTive Prep, which contains actual, timed tests and helps students build a study plan.

The ACT Assessment is given in all 50 states. It is curriculum based, designed to measure a student’s academic achievement and the appropriate course level for college placement.

There are four sections to the exam: English, reading, math and science reasoning. The ACT Assessment was taken 1.8 million times last year by college-bound students.

Students who have already taken the ACT can take it again and try for a higher score. Juniors can use their scored to examine academic weaknesses, take courses to correct those weaknesses and retake the exam as seniors.

Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose.



Champions from Page 3

consistency for the program,” the nomination stated. “Her attention to detail, responsibility, professionalism, thoughtfulness and understanding has helped our program to provide a safe, healthy and enjoyable place for the children of Fort Huachuca.”

Lt. Col. Dorthea Cypher-Erickson and Col. Dennis “Butch” Erickson. The combined citation states “As very busy, full time working parents, both Ericksons have been active participants of the Child and Youth Services parent advisory board, Parents Who Care, since they came to Fort Huachuca. Both parents support high quality programming in all systems serving youth. As senior leaders and role models for other working parents, they follow the program procedures, ask questions when they have concerns, and work towards quality improvements. They participate in the CYS Month of the Military Child and Harvest time open house activities. They have donated time and classroom items to the CDC. As a parenting team they have made the difference in the lives of many children on Fort Huachuca and are true ‘Children’s Champions,’” the citation reads.

Laura Frank. Frank’s nomination says she has invested her time and talents heavily into the lives of children and youth of our Catholic Holy Family Parish. Since her arrival here, Frank has served as Catholic Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher, directed the 1999 Vacation Bible School, worked as the 1998-1999 Primary Education director of our CCD program and served as co-leader of our 1999 Children’s Christmas program.

John and Dr. Caroline Nolander. The Nolanders serve the Sierra Vista community through their counseling and consulting practice. Together, they have volunteered nearly 2,000 hours per year to run the chapel-sponsored ecumenical program, Student Ministries for Middle School youth, which meets weekly and includes a wide variety of special programs and activities. Their citation says the “Nolander’s emphasis on building relationships with each of their students helps provide an effective network of support and lasting spiritual direction for the youth of Fort Huachuca.”

Kimberly Coombes. Coombes’ nomination says she is involved with the youth of Fort Huachuca in many ways. She served as a Girl Scout Leader for many years. In addition, she is active in the Fort Huachuca Parent and Tot PlayGroup and serves as a leader in her church community. “Mrs. Coombes has supported her husband as the coach of a local soccer team for the past two years. She constantly gives unselfishly of her time to the children and youth of Fort Huachuca,” the citation says.

Don and Judy Castanares. The Castanares’ have been active scout leaders for six years. They have made it their mission to provide strong guidance and direction tomorrow’s leaders. Through such projects as Scouting for Food and various conservation projects, they have provided guidance to our youth on how to make our community a better place. Ms. Castanares is the Boy Scout Troop Committee Chairperson and he is a Webelos Den Leader for Pack 43 and Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 431.

Karla Phillips. The nomination for Phillips says she has contributed many hours as a classroom volunteer. She works with children both individually and in-group settings. It is because of Phillips’ efforts that students have grown to be better readers and writers. Her uncanny ability to work with children has been instrumental in developing caring and responsible students. She is a true child’s champion and a real asset to the Fort Huachuca Community.

Cecil Anderson. According to his nomination, Anderson has been the Child and Youth Services Safety proponent for over 15 years. In this role, he has ensured everything is of the highest safety standard. Anderson inspects the FCC Homes, Youth Services, the Child Development Center, post playgrounds and equipment. He ensures they are all in compliance with Army Regulations and SOPs. Anderson looks over everything with a caring eye with the safety of Fort Huachuca’s Children and Youth in mind. He has written articles for The Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper regarding issues parents need to be aware of to protect their children. Children and their safety have always been his first priority.

Janet Conrad. Conrad has been a Contractor with Army Community Service for two years and serves as the coordinator and head puppeteer for the Kids on the Block Program. Her nominations states that she is creative and innovative with the skits that she and other KOB volunteers perform. She delights her audiences, which usually consists of small children, with a variety of shows that focus on child safety, tolerance of others, and child abuse prevention. She conducts performances for schools, scouts, special activities, and other audiences that focus on children. These shows are not only fun and popular with children, but the message the children receive help to keep them safe in our community. Janet has proven herself to be an invaluable resource to the parents and children of our community.

Curtis Thomas & Gary Mosher. Thomas has been with Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools since 1983. Currently he drives the bus for the preschool program at General Myer School. His patience and concern with the arrival of the special children he transports and the fact that he has driven bus for most of the 17 years shows he is a children’s champion.

Mosher has been with the Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools since 1987. He drives the bus for the Preschool program at General Myer School. His patience and concern when he delivers these children home, to the FCC home or center after school and his 13 years with the school system show he is a children’s champion.

Gloria Daniel. The citation for Daniel says she is a strong advocate of Youth Services, Youth Sports and CYS. In doing so, she has expressed her commitment to the children and youth of Fort Huachuca in numerous ways. She’s been a productive member of the Child and Youth Services Parents Who Care team. Donating many hours of time and attention to its success. Daniel has served as a Fort Huachuca Youth coach—often coaching two teams consecutively. When no one else would step up to the plate, she stepped forward without hesitation. Daniel is one who demonstrates caring with action.

Alternative from Page 12

DHEA, as manufacturers claim.

Unfortunately, in the case of androstenedione, no proof of safety is required for it to remain on the market.

There is no way to prove purity and efficacy, as the Food and Drug Administration does for medications. The FDA has commented that some products may even contain none of the active ingredient.

Health food stores tout andro in any form as “The” supplement to take for increased energy, enhanced recovery, mental alertness, muscle growth, and a greater sense of well-being. Sounds too good to be true. It is.

The American Medical Association reported on a study of 30 young men who used androstenedione.

After eight weeks of taking the supplement, there was absolutely no difference in muscle strength in the men. Levels of good cholesterol dropped, however. That is not good. And their levels of the female hormone, estrogen, went up.

Most major-league sports, as well as the U.S. Olympic Committee and the National Collegiate Athletic Association, have banned andro.

The FDA has settled with the makers of andro, and they will have to include a message in their products that

states the side effects associated with the use of andro, such as increased facial hair and more.

In many cases, the benefits of using herbal (or “natural”) supplements is questionable. Pharmacists recommend prudent use of those containing andro. If you want bigger muscles, consider working out in the gym.

But to avoid products like DHEA, andro 9, androsten tribulus, androstenediol, norandrostenedione, or andro-whatever.

Ephedra

Ephedra has recently hit the radar screen of many senior leaders, as two-active-duty personnel have died while taking herbal supplements containing this herb.

Ephedra, better known as ma huang, is found in several plant species. The active ingredient is ephedrine, first isolated in the late 1800s.

Ephedrine is an alkaloid with properties which make it useful as a decongestant and stimulant. It has additionally been used to treat bronchial asthma. Pseudoephedrine and other related alkaloids have also been found in various species of ephedra.

Herbal supplements containing ephedra are promoted for weight loss,

bodybuilding and increased energy, among other things.

The FDA reported that in one of their surveys of products containing ephedra, the actual content of 125 herbal products ranged from 0 to 110 milligrams per dose. I’m not sure an Army pharmacy would be dispensing any medications if this was the closest we could get.

These alkaloids should never be considered innocuous or safe just because they are “naturally” occurring. Central-nervous-system stimulation and the feeling of euphoria or increased energy can lead to abuse and a false sense of well-being.

Side effects of ephedra include insomnia, anxiety, irritability and nervousness, as well as a dangerously fast heartbeat and a drastic increase in blood pressure.

These last two effects, along with strenuous exercise, can contribute to heart attack, stroke or seizures.

Products containing ephedra should be used short-term only. The potential for abuse is high, and ephedrine-containing products are considered addictive.

Ma huang and other products containing ephedra are absolutely contraindicated (unsuitable) for anyone with

high blood pressure, thyroid disease, glaucoma, diabetes or prostate problems. Pregnant women should not take ephedra, ma huang or products containing them without the knowledge of their physicians.

Many signs and symptoms of ephedra use have been reported in young adults who are in generally good health and who would not be considered at high risk for heart attacks, psychoses or seizures.

One common product contains both ephedra and caffeine. The caffeine “potentiates” the activity of ephedra, increasing the frequency and severity of adverse effects. The recommended doses of this product exceed the single and maximum daily doses of ephedrine as recommended by the FDA. This product’s potential side effects, as well as the number of prescription and over-the-counter medications that it could interact with, are staggering.

Above all, talk to your pharmacist or healthcare provider before taking any herbal product. Ask questions. Be informed. Don’t assume all herbals are safe for you.

(Editor’s note: Almquist is the chief of the Department of Pharmacy at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Wash.)

Rabid animals from Page 13

Control, provided statistics specifying the number of skunks tested for rabies and the number of positive rabies tests for cities in Cochise County during 1991 through 1997. Sierra Vista had the highest ratio of rabid skunks, with 35 positive cases out of 147 tested. Fort Huachuca was second with 10 confirmed cases out of 140 tested.

Although most people are familiar with the classical signs of rabies such as furious behavior and foaming at the mouth, many people don’t realize that infected animals can transmit the disease even before they show these signs. For this reason, it is important that people do not handle wildlife, especially animals that may be found dead.

“In my experience,” Kaiser said, “rabid skunks have dirty matted fur, they will not spray, are infested with fleas and are often active during the day in and around washes.”

Humans or animals exposed to a rabid animal can be saved by prompt medical or veterinary attention.

Capt. Cheryl Sofaly, chief, Fort

Huachuca’s Veterinary Section, said pet rabies can be prevented by routine rabies vaccinations given by a veterinarian. Post regulations require that all dogs and cats over the age of 3 months receive a rabies vaccination. Booster vaccinations are necessary to maintain protection. Pets that are exposed to wildlife should receive an additional booster immediately.

Since rabies can be transmitted by the bite of any infected animal it is important that all animal bites be reported to the victim’s primary care provider and to the military police.

Sofaly said Veterinary Services is aware of seven animal bites in the last year, but only two were reported. She stressed the importance of completing an Animal Bite Report, even for bites from pets. The victim or a witness should be prepared to give an accurate description of the animal and place where the bite occurred, including the circumstances of the bite, apparent health of the animal and vaccination status, if known.

The Military Police are available 24

hours a day and can alert Brown and Root Pest Control’s 24-hour hotline to assist with locating and trapping a wild animal for veterinary examination.

If the animal is located, it is quarantined for 10 days. If the animal becomes sick and displays signs of rabid behavior or dies within those 10 days, the animal is tested for rabies at the State Health Laboratory.

If the animal is not located within 72 hours of the bite, the bite report is reviewed by the Rabies Advisory Council to determine whether there is enough evidence to begin post exposure prophylaxis — a seven-shot series administered in the abdomen.

Thomas Blakely, RWBAHC Pharmacy, said no post exposure prophylaxis has been administered on Fort Huachuca in the last year.

Report dead animals and animal bites on humans to the Military Police Desk at 533-2181. For questions about pet vaccinations, call the Post Veterinary Clinic at 533-2767.

PX manager from Page 13

Power Zone, is complete. The renovation phases will continue to encompass different areas throughout the store until the entire store is renovated. The project end date is September.

“The main store hadn’t been renovated in several years,” Bickerstaff said. “The décor and condition of the store was not up to AAFES standards.”

After the renovation is completed the store will have a more modern appearance with an expanded hardware and sporting goods section.

There will also be more square footage in the luggage department. The entire renovation is funded by AAFES Headquarters in Dallas, Texas.

In addition to the renovation, Bickerstaff aims to improve customer service by increasing training and setting an example to other AAFES employees to emulate.

He said he wants to decrease the amount of time people stand waiting in lines and to increase the variety of merchandise the customer wants.

Awareness from Page 13

tracting rabies?

According to Barbara Caldwell, Occupational Health, it is the rabies immunization — a three- to four-shot series administered every 28 days on the same day of the week as the initial shot. This shot is injected in the upper arm and has very few adverse side effects, unlike the painful seven-shot series injected in the abdomen after a rabies encounter.

“This shot series is essential for anyone working on post who may come into contact with animals — any animals,” Caldwell said.

Civilians, soldiers and contractors, from Buffalo Corral to Brown and Root, employees are strongly encouraged to start the rabies shot series. The basic rabies immunization series calls for three shots, however, a fourth shot is generally needed to guarantee immunity. Each shot is \$80 and must be administered according to very strict guidelines to maintain its potency.

“Sure, workers compensation covers post exposure prophylaxis, but it is more cost effective and comfortable to pay the \$240 to \$320 for the rabies immunization,

than over \$2,000 and excruciating pain with the post exposure prophylaxis,” Caldwell said.

She recommends directors review Office of Personnel Management regulations and reevaluate whether they may have employees who should be immunized for rabies. The immunization is very expensive and expires quickly, so offices are encouraged to budget for employees shots and notify the pharmacy to guarantee the immunization is available. For more information, call Barbara Caldwell, Occupational Health, at 533-9139.

Reenlistments

(Editor’s note: Beginning with this issue of The Fort Huachuca Scout, the Post Retention Office will begin publishing monthly reenlistments.)

U.S. Army Garrison

306th Military Intelligence Battalion

- Spc Byron J. Vankirk
- Sgt. Sterling Sherrod
- Staff Sgt. Jonathan Gordon
- Sgt. M. Sanchezcavalier
- Staff Sgt. Willie Henderson, HHC
- Staff Sgt. Blake A. Stroud, Co. A
- Sgt. Brian N. Bussey, Co. A
- Staff Sgt. Perry M. Coleman, Co. A
- Spc James P. Saenz, James P. Co. A
- Spc James M. Donahue, 36th Army Band
- Spc Roger A. Shattuck, 36th Army Band

Directorate of Continuous Learning

- Sgt 1st Class Moyeen Azhar, 304th MI Bn.
- Sgt. Michael Kilburn, 304th MI Bn.
- Staff Sgt. Kenneth Penn, C Co 304th MI Bn.
- Sgt 1st Class Joseph Bell, NCO Academy
- Sgt 1st Class Donna Lingo, NCO Academy

U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground

- Staff Sgt. Timothy Sheppard
- Staff Sgt. Daniel Nightengale
- Staff Sgt. Pablo Mora, Jr.
- Spc H. Reininger-Lingg

Staff Sgt. Willie E. Jordan

11th Military Intelligence Brigade
305th MI Bn.

- Sgt. Carol A. Mond
- Sgt. Deborah J Damiani
- Sgt Michael D. Nailor
- Spc Scott J. Rizor
- Sgt 1st Class Carolyn Higdon, Co. C
- Staff Sgt. Wesley Hewitt, Co. E
- Sgt. Ricardo Orozco, Co. E

309th MI Bn.

- Sgt 1st Class James McCevers, Co C.
- Staff Sgt. Christopher Morris, D Co
- Staff Sgt. Timothy R. Richards
- Sgt 1st Class E. Ramos-Garcia

11th Signal Brigade

- Sgt 1st Class Ernesto Whittaker, HHC
- Sgt. Danta M. Harrell

9th Signal Battalion

- Sgt Maj. Alvin Mays. HHC
- Sgt. Charles Donlow, Jr., HHC
- Sgt 1st Class Michael X. Bouchard
- Sgt 1st Class Ella S. Wallace
- Staff Sgt. Elizabeth D. Grimm

40th Signal Battalion

- Staff Sgt. James L. Jackson
- Staff Sgt. Michael B. McDowell


- Spc Venis J. Gonzalez
- Sgt. Ruben Magana
- Spc Darcel L. Brown
- Spc Andre D. Parent
- Spc Robert D. Baston
- Sgt. Peter M. Holmes
- Spc Robert L. Hinton
- Staff Sgt. Matthew B. Ott
- Spc Jason E. Mulford, HHC
- Staff Sgt. Theotus T. Hollister, Co. B
- Staff Sgt. Nelson S. Mabee, Co. C
- Staff Sgt. Jose A. Ramirez, Jr., Co. C
- Spc Efrain Collazo, Co. D

86th Signal Battalion

- Spc Michael Lehto, Co. B
- Sgt. Donald Boucher, Co. C
- Staff Sgt. Dawn C. Davis, Co. B
- Sgt 1st Class Larry Cunningham, 269th Sig. Co.
- Spc Timothy L. Judy, 269th Sig. Co.
- Sgt. Cleophus L. Rowland, 269th Sig. Co.
- Staff Sgt. Hollie J. Benson
- Spc Gerald Winchester, Jr.,
- Spc Calvin L. Jasey, Jr.
- Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Borish
- Spc Richard A. Berends
- Spc Michael A. Buck
- Sgt. Raymond Smith


504th Signal Battalion

- Sgt. Anthony B. Harmon, 19th Sig. Co.
- Sgt. David P. Prowinski, 19th Sig. Co.
- Sgt 1st Class Glenn R. Wallace, 69th Sig. Co.

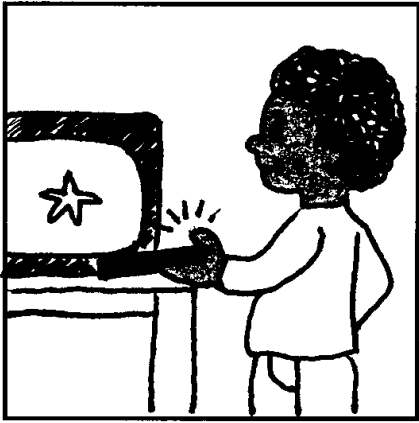


Wettie sez...
BE *Water Wise!*

When washing the car, use a bucket for soapy water and use the hose only for rinsing. Running water in the driveway won't get the car any cleaner!



Be *Water Wise* and Energy Smart!
Fort Huachuca - 538-SAVE



Turn of the television when not watching.

Be Enery Smart!